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THE CRAZE FOR ALL THINGS RUSSIAN IN LONDON: M. CHALIAPINE AS IVAN THE TERRIBLE IN THE OPERA OF THAT NAME, AT DRURY LANE.

London is undoubtedly under the spell of Russia, thanks to the Russian Ballet (which is repeating its great successes at Drury Lane and is also producing new works), and to the Russian operas produced at the same theatre, with M. Chaliapine, probably the most famous bass in the world, as the chief star. Of "Ivan the Terrible," the opera, there is no need for us to speak; but it may be recalled that Ivan IV., who was born in August 1530, and died in March 1584, was the first Russian ruler to assume the title of Tsar, which has been borne by every Sovereign of Russia since. He, too, inaugurated—in the shape of the Strieltsy, abolished by Peter the Great because it became too powerful—the first standing army of Russia. In his career as conqueror, he annexed Kazan and Astrakhan, and won West Siberia.—[Photo. by Fischer, Moscow.]



"Isle of Wight

Don't be alarmed, friend the reader. There is nothing to prevent you from spending your holiday in the Isle of Wight. If you should

get "Isle of Wight Disease," which is supposed to be confined to bee-land, it will do you more good than harm. In point of fact, "Isle of Wight Disease" is just the right sort of disease for a holiday. Listen attentively and you shall hear.

I first learnt of the disease by this name from an article written by Mr. S. L. Bensusan (whose interests range from the Art of Ballet-Dancing to Bee-Keeping—he is an authority on both and writes equally charmingly on both) in the *Daily Mail*.

"In April of the present year," says Mr. Bensusan, "while my hives seemed to be in a healthy and forward condition, the reports from the neighbourhood were distinctly unsatisfactory. Whole apiaries had been wiped out, others had been reduced by a half or more. As far as the scanty leisure of busy days permitted, I kept an eye on the bees, and noted with some apprehension, in the beginning of May, the presence of a few dead ones under some of the alighting-boards, and of others that were certainly out of condition crawling up grass blades beyond. The expert of the County Association paid his spring visit, and I decided to say nothing and to leave him to form his own conclusions. These were reached quickly and definitely. 'You have the Isle of Wight Disease here,' he said."

The Explanation. Mr. Bensusan was advised to destroy the contaminated hives, but, seeing that "Isle of Wight Disease" was already rampant amongst the bees of his neighbours, he preferred to give the invalids a chance. With this result: "Under the influence of the fine warm weather the number of dead or disabled bees diminished rapidly, and within a fortnight of the time when the diagnosis was made, it was necessary to search very closely to find a sick or dead bee. . . . By the second week of June several of the racks had been cleared, and the greater part of a hundred pounds of honey collected, and at present there is not in any hive a trace of disease."

He adds: "It is well to remember that little or nothing is known about the Isle of Wight Disease."

Mr. Bensusan will probably be surprised to hear that I can throw some light on the subject. A constant visitor to the Isle of Wight at all times of the year, I have observed the symptoms mentioned by Mr. Bensusan, not among the bees, but among the human inhabitants. (Once again, friend the reader, still your fears.) I noticed it first among the drivers of cabs. It was the very earliest part of the summer, and the season had not yet begun. There they were, just like Mr. Bensusan's bees, lying prone under the alighting-boards. Others were crawling up steps beyond. Naturally, I was alarmed, but the residents assured me that there was nothing the matter. "When the fine weather comes," they said, "all these chaps will be as right as rain."

Imitative Bees. And so they were. With June, the symptoms began to disappear; they crept from under the alighting-boards, and began to rub their eyes and look about them. With July, they were on their feet, and August saw them, again like Mr. Bensusan's bees, with the greater part of a hundred pounds of honey collected.

The disease, of course, which is not known by the inhabitants as a disease at all, but merely as Winter Languor, was also to be observed among waiters, policemen, bath-chairmen, porters, and bathing-machine proprietors. The bathing-machine proprietors get

it very badly. Not only do they become supine, but their very hives disappear throughout the winter! What would Mr. Bensusan say to that?

He will probably ask me how all this can possibly have affected his bees. The answer is very simple. What he calls "Isle of Wight Disease" has spread to England during the past few years; you will find traces of it, during the winter and spring months, in almost any seaside town. Well, like master, like bee. Bees are the most imitative creatures living. They imitate us in everything—in our houses, in our gregariousness, in our greed, in our fussiness, in our luxuriance, and in our mode of speech. How often have you read, "A buzz of talk filled the air." In the apiaristic novels they write, "A talk of buzz filled the air." So.

"Race Round the World."

Mr. John Henry Mears, of New York, has hit upon a splendid way of taking a holiday. Backed, as I understand, by a syndicate of newspapers, Mr. Mears is trying to get round the world in thirty-five days, the previous "best" being about thirty-nine days. I hope Mr. Mears will succeed in his attempt, not because his success would be of very great benefit to humanity at large, but rather for the reason that he evidently wishes to succeed, and I like people to get what they want when the getting it would do nobody any harm.

Besides, I have a selfish reason for wishing success to Mr. Mears. If he succeeds in travelling round the world in thirty-five days, I shall at once offer my services to a syndicate of newspapers in the hope that they will engage me to travel round the world, if I can, in thirty-three days. I feel that this is precisely the kind of job for which I have been looking. I should step from train to steamboat, and from steamboat to train. I should loll on the deck of the steamboat, and loll in my bunk on the train, and admire the passing view, and admire the energy of the engines and the people who looked after them, and drink in the fresh air, and have the added satisfaction of knowing that I was earning money all the time. If I succeeded, I should be a record-holder and a hero; if I failed, it would be the fault of the steamers, and the trains, and the weather, and other things over which I had no control. The very best-of luck to you, Mr. Mears!

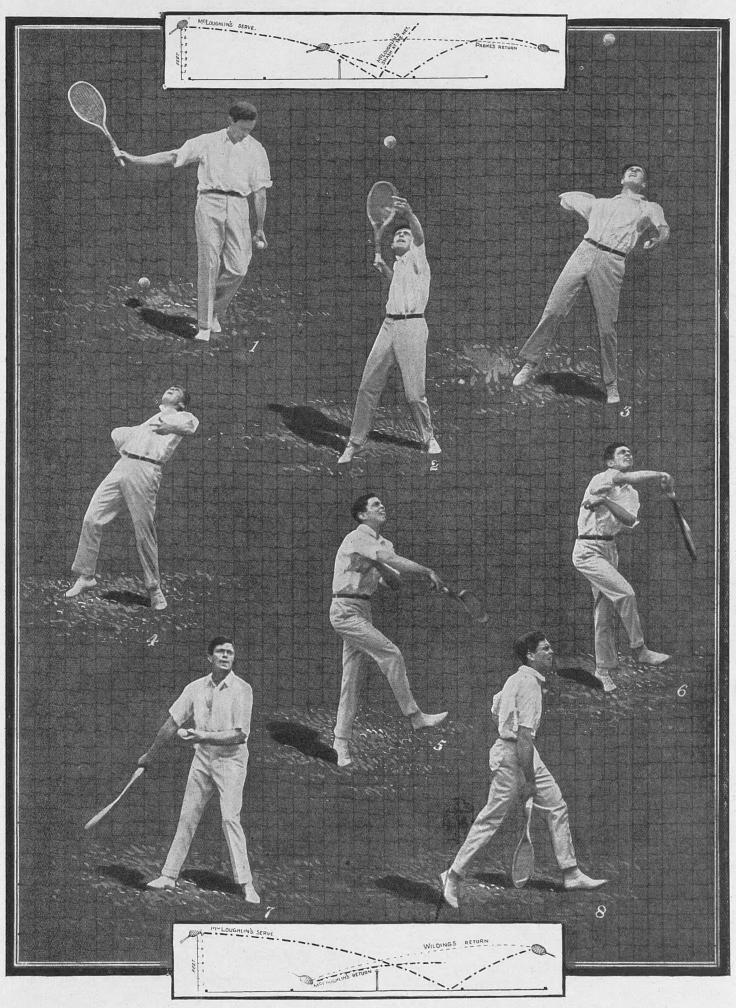
Sir Herbert Tree's Book.

I gather from the newspapers that Sir Herbert Tree has written a book. I shall look forward to the pleasure of reading it. I always like books written by actors, because they generally contain a lot of stories that one has heard before. Actors are much braver than professional authors in this matter. The professional author approaches the telling of a funny story with the greatest reluctance and diffidence; if anybody gives the slightest hint that it is an old story, the professional author will not tell it.

And yet, why not? Just as the old songs are the best, so the old stories are the best. I have always loved the story of the mouse who lapped up some whisky by accident and then, looking round, said: "Where's the cat that chased me yesterday?" I am rejoiced to read that Sir Herbert has included this classic in his book. I am not quite so fond of the story of the friend who said to the perspiring actor, "I don't know whether you have been acting, but your skin has." I learn from a notice that this was actually said to Sir Herbert by a friend. One had always heard it associated, of course, with Mr. Seymour Hicks.

Still, the great thing is that these little tales are not allowed to fade away. I quite agree with the critic in a Sunday paper who says that Sir Herbert Tree is the wittiest man that has lived for two thousand years. One feels that he must be.

THE CANNON BALL SERVICE: HOW McLOUGHLIN DOES IT.



- THE POSITION BEFORE DELIVERY.
- 2. THROWING UP THE BALL FOR THE FIRST PART OF THE STROKE.
- 3. THE BALANCE OF THE BODY BEFORE THE SERVE. | 6 AND 7. THE FINISH OF THE DELIVERY.
- 4. THE BALANCE OF THE BODY BEFORE THE STROKE.
- 5. THE DELIVERY OF THE BALL AND THE RECOVERY OF THE BODY BALANCE.
- 8. FOLLOWING UP HIS SERVICE.

DIAGRAMS: (TOP) TO SHOW McLoughlin's SERVE AND PARKE'S RETURN; (BOTTOM) TO SHOW McLoughlin's SERVE AND WILDING'S RETURN.

The diagrams on this page were designed to illustrate a spectator's idea of why McLoughlin, with his cannon-ball service, beat Parke, and why he did not beat Wilding. It will be noted, on consultation of the diagram at the top of the page, that Parke, standing well out of the court to take the service, had to return the ball in such a way that McLoug'ilin could smash at the net. A glance at the lower diagram will show that Wilding, standing much closer to the net, was able to give a return which McLoughlin could only, as it were, pat over the net .- [Photographs by Sport and General.]

Society at the Altar: Fashionable Weddings of the Moment.





THE WEDDING OF THE HON. WINDHAM BARING AND LADY GWENETH PONSONBY: THE BRIDE AND BRIDEGROOM.

THE WEDDING OF SIR PHILIP BROCKLEHURST AND MISS GWLADYS GOSTLING - MURRAY: THE BRIDE AND BRIDEGROOM.

The wedding of the Hon. Windham Baring, second son of the Earl of Cromer, and Lady Gweneth Ponsonby, youngest daughter of the Earl and Countess of Bessborough, took place last week at the Church of St. James's, Piccadilly. The ceremony was performed by the Primate of All Ireland. The Hon. Arthur Villiers was best man.—
The wedding of Sir Philip Lee Brocklehurst, Bt., of Swythamley Park, and Miss Gwladys Gostling-Murray, youngest daughter of the late Colonel Gostling-Murray, also took place last week. The ceremony was performed at the Memorial Church, Swythamley, near Macclesfield,—[Photographs by Topical and Horne.]

The "Lady's Pictorial" Golf Tournament: Semi-Finalists and Finalists.



- I. Semi-Finalists First Handicap Division: Miss N. Alexander (England, N.), Beat Miss J. G. Brown (Scotland, E.), by I Up; Miss J. G. Brown; Mrs. Bell Scott (England, Midlands); and Mrs. Peill (Scotland, E.), Brat Mrs. Bell Scott at the 19th.—In the Final Mrs. Peill Beat Miss Alexander by 5 and 4.
- 3. SEMI-FINALISTS SCRATCH DIVISION: MRS. CAUTLEY (ENGLAND, N.-E.); MISS BARRY (ENGLAND, S.-W.), BEAT MISS G. RAVENSCROFT (ENGLAND, N.), BY 2 AND I; MISS KINLOCH (SCOTLAND, E.), BEAT MRS. CAUTLEY AT THE 20TH; AND MISS G. RAVENSCROFT.—IN THE FINAL MISS BARRY BEAT MISS KINLOCH BY I UP.
- 2. The Semi Finalists of the Second Handicap Division: Miss J. Stocker (England, South-East), who Beat Mrs. Rayner (England, North), by 5 and 3; Mrs. Rayner; Mrs. Keeling (England, Midlands), who Beat Miss D. Hartill (England, Midlands), by 3 and 2; and Miss D. Hartill.—
 In the Final Miss Stocker Beat Mrs. Keeling by 2 Up.
- 4. THE PRIZE-WINNERS AND THE "LADY'S PICTORIAL" PRIZES: (BACK ROW) MISS

 J. STOCKER, MRS. PEILL, MISS N. ALEXANDER, AND MRS. KEELING; (FRONT)

 MISS BARRY AND MISS KINLOCH.

The semi-final rounds and the finals of the Golf Tournament for prizes presented by "The Lady's Pictorial" aroused very great interest at Stoke Poges, the play being mostly of a very high order.-[Photographs by Sport and General.]

SOCIETY IN TWO PHASES: EXHIBITION AND WEDDING "SNAPS."



ON THE STEPS OF THE WELCOME CLUB: SOCIETY AT THE IMPERIAL SERVICES EXHIBITION.

In the group are the Duke of Manchester, the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brougham, the Hon. Francis Needham, Mrs. Harold Baring, Viscountess Curzon, Lady Susan FitzClarence, the Hereditary Grand Duke of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, the Countess of Drogheda, the Hon. Mrs. Francis Needham, the Countess of Kilmorey, and Prince Paul of Servia.—[Photograph by Topical.]



THE WEDDING OF MR. WILLIAM DUDLEY WARD, M.P., AND MISS WINIFRED BIRKIN: THE BRIDE ARRIVING AT ST. MARGARET'S.

The wedding of Mr. William Dudley Ward, M.P. for Southampton, eldest son of the late Mr. William Humble Dudley Ward and the Hon. Mrs. Dudley Ward, to Miss Winifred Birkin, eldest daughter of Colonel and Mrs. Charles Birkin, took place at St. Margaret's, Westminster, last week. The bride was given away by her father. The best man was the Hon. Geoffrey Howard, M.P. The bride wore a dress of white tulle over satin, embroidered in silver; with a silver-lined Court train of tulle with the silver embroidery tapering in long trails towards the shoulders. The honeymoon is being spent in Canada and the United States.—[Photograph by L.N.A.]

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WELL DONE, FIFTEENTH!: MOUSTACHES AND THE MILITARY: THE "BLACK HEARTS" OF SIMLA.

The Waning Season.

The season is galloping to its close; Henley, the Inter-Regimental Polo Final at Hurlingham, the Oxford and Cambridge, and Harrow

and Eton cricket matches are all things of the past, and Goodwood, which is the signal for the general breaking-up, is almost upon us. The great polo day at Hurlingham was damped by the Clerk of the Weather, and it is impossible to guess how many new silk hats were spoilt in the course of the afternoon, for every soldier who is a member of the club, or who could obtain a voucher, was amongst the great

crowd lining the ground. Every man was wearing a shiny silk tall hat, and they were all too gallant to put up their um-brellas lest they should interfere with the view of the ladies on the stand behind them, and sat and watched the game knowing that the gloss was gone for ever from their "toppers." The Fifteenth, in winning the trophy so soon after their return from South Africa, made a record, for the 17th Lancers, the only regiment which has before been able to win the Cup immediately on their return from foreign service, came home from India, which is a poloplaying country; and South Africa is not, except at some of the big towns. That the regiment should have got together

such a good collection of ponies in such a short time was, perhaps, even more wonderful than that the men should play such a good game.

One of the subjects being discussed at the

moment is the question whether soldiers should

The Military Moustache.

be allowed, if they wish, to shave off their moustaches. The "King's Regulations "say that every officer and every soldier must, if possible, grow a moustache. I never heard any reason given for this regulation. The tacit permission to grow beards on active service is, of course, owing to the fact that a man, when he is marching and fighting, has no time to make an elaborate toilet. In the days of the great wars and in Peninsula days, all heavy cavalry and all infantry regiments were clean - shaved, and the officers of that day considered this a real advantage, for it exposed the mouths of their men, and they could see at a glance by that telltale feature if any man betrayed ner-

the enemy. The moustache was considered suitable to Hussars. It is related that when, just before the Crimea, Lord Cardigan obtained permission to convert his regiment of Light Dragoons into Hussars, he apprised the mess of the regiment of the decision of the Commander-in-Chief by appearing at dinner with a moustache gummed on to his upper lip. There is one regiment of heavy cavalry which

objects very strongly to the moustache, and resists, generally successfully, any attempt to force the officers to grow that adornment.

The Black Hearts. Viceroy and Vicereine of India, have entertained the Black Hearts at a dinner given in special honour of the fraternity, and that the knights wore the dress of their order. Reading this solemn statement sends me back in memory to the days when the Black Hearts were first instituted, when at a lunch

of half-a-dozen bachelors in the U.S. Club at Simla, this small body decided to give a masked ball to all Simla, and, amongst the names suggested for the newly founded club, settled on that of the "Black Hearts," and took as their motto: " is not as black as he is painted. There had never within the memory of man been a masked ball held at Simla, and many of the gossips predicted that it would be an utter failure, as there is nowhere in the world where precedence and etiquette rule with such an iron hand as in the summer capital of India.

A Black Heart Ball. Every lady and every man had to unmask for a moment at the entrance to the ball-room in

The Vicereine of that

day, Lady Lansdowne, entered so thoroughly

into the spirit of the

ball that she came down to the Town

Hall, not in the Vice-

regal carriage, but in

a rickshaw hired from

the bazaar and drawn by ragged coolies. The

Vicereine danced with

several of the Vice-

regal Aides - de-Camp

without their discovering her identity, which

pleased her exceedingly. Lord Roberts

was another guest at

that Black Heart Ball,

and also enjoyed him-

self very much. He

told a story after-

wards how, going up

to an Irish lady, he

asked her in a squeaky

voice to dance. His face was invisible

under his mask, and

she, judging by his

stature, imagined him

the Simla Town Hall, to prove that they were invited guests, and then proceeded up the room to bow to the Grand Master of the Order. Then the Black Hearts, twenty in all by then, assembled in the centre of the room, a bugle sounded the charge, the band struck up a gallop, each man seized the lady nearest to him, and the ball, having started informally, continued at express pace until daylight.

iter etc.

AS FATHER LIKES HIM: THE GERMAN CROWN PRINCE AS COMPETITOR IN THE MIXED DOUBLES AT THE ZOPPOT BAD LAWN-TENNIS TOURNAMENT. The Crown Prince's partner at the time the photograph was taken was Fizulein Müller-Deek. In view of the German Emperor's great activity in advocating sports of all kinds, it may be taken that his Majesty is seldom better pleased than when the Crown Prince is indulging in outdoor sport.—[Photograph by Sennecke.]

THE VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT BEFORE THE KING AND QUEEN AT KNOWSLEY HALL:
ARTISTES WHO TOOK PART IN IT, AND OTHERS CONCERNED IN IT.

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In the back row (from left to right) are Mr. Ernest Wighton, of Moss's Empires, who assisted in the arrangement of the programme; Miss Olga Hudson and Miss Elgar Hudson of Olga, Elgar, and Eli Hudson, instrumentalists and vocalists; Frank, of Frank and Vesta, the dancers; Mr. Wheatman; Mr. Neil Kenyon, the Scottish comedian; Mr. Tom Edwards, the ventriloquist; Mr. Frank Allen, manager of Moss's Empires, who arranged the programme; Miss Molly Wheatman; Miss Violet Crossley; and Mrs. Saker. In front (from left to right) are Mr. Eli Hudson; Mr. George Graves, who, with his company, appeared in "Koffo of Bond Street"; Vesta; Master Frankie Allen; Mr. David Devant, the famous conjurer and illusionist; Mr. George Formby, the Lancashire comedian; and Mr. Harry Danby, -[Photograph by C.N.]

young officer, and replied to his invitation: "Ah, go an now, I 've no time to-night to be dancing with boys!" The Black Hearts eventually adopted "frock dress" as their garb of ceremony. I believe that they now wear a decoration of some kind, and that the Order has very definite rules and regulations, which it certainly had not in its early days.

OUR HATS WE TAKE OFF TO-



MR. B. G. MELLÉ-FOR BOWLING 27 MAIDENS IN A TOTAL OF 60 OVERS AGAINST CAMBRIDGE.



MISS JOAN CHALLONER, THE ACTRESS - FOR MARRYING MR. HARRY WELCHMAN.



MR. HARRY WELCHMAN - FOR MARRYING MISS JOAN CHAL-LONER.



THE KING OF BUGANDA — FOR HIS ABILITY AS A GOLFER IN HIS OWN COUNTRY AND HERE.

Mr. B. G. Mellé, playing for Oxford in the University Cricket Match, bowled 60 overs, of which 27 were maidens. In the first innings he bowled 30'4 overs (12 maidens) and took 6 wickets for 70 runs; in the second he bowled 29'4 overs (15 maidens) and took 2 wickets for 46 runs. - The wedding of Mr. Harry Welchman, the popular hero of musical comedy, and Miss Joan Challoner, the young actress, took place last week. Mr. Welchman's most recent success has been as Victor Jolibeau in Oh! Oh!! Delphine!!!" The bride is the younger daughter of Mr. Reginald Smith, of the Stock Exchange. In "Drake," at His Majesty's, she understudied Miss Phyllis Neilson-Terry and Miss Amy Brandon Thomas. -- The 18-year old King of Buganda, who is visiting this country, is a keen golfer and has his own course at Kambala, in Uganda.—[Photographs by Sport and General, Portnian Studio, Foulsham and Banfield, and Topical.]



SIR HELENUS ROBERT-SON, CHAIRMAN OF THE MERSEY DOCKS AND HARBOUR BOARD - FOR BEING KNIGHTED.



DR. M. S. PEMBREY-PRIZES.



MLLE. LILY BOULANGER FOR RANKING BABIES —FOR BEING THE FIRST HIGHER THAN CERTI- WOMAN TO WIN THE FICATES AND SPORTS — GRAND PRIX DE ROME -FOR BEING THE FIRST WOMAN TO WIN THE FOR MUSIC.



SIR J. S. HARMOOD-BANNER, M.P., LORD MAYOR OF LIVERPOOL-FOR BEING KNIGHTED BY THE KING.



THE BISHOP OF BATH AND WELLS - FOR DE-SCRIBING HIS £5000 A YEAR AS NOT AS MUCH AS IT LOOKS.

Mile. Boulanger, who is not yet twenty, has just won the Grand Prix de Rome for music. This entitles her to three years' residence in Rome for study. She becomes a pensionnaire of the State at the French College for Grands Prix established on the Pincio. Dr. M. S. Pembrey, Lecturer in Physiology at Guy's, said the other "The possession of a baby is of more value to the State than a first-class certificate in classics or a silver trophy for sport."--The Bishop of Bath and Wells said recently that his £5000 a year income looked large on paper; but he did not get anything like the amount with which he was credited because there were many deductions, and much went in matters over which he had no control. [Photographs by Barraud, Elliott and Fry, Pierre Lafitte, and Lafayette.]



M. FALCON - FOR TAKING WICKETS FOR 38 RUAGAINST THE PLAYERS. FOR 38 RUNS



MR. G. L. JESSOP-FOR REVIVING THE COLLAPSING GENTLEMEN BY MAKING A FINE 81.



MR. J. H. MEARS - FOR TRYING TO TRAVEL ROUND THE WORLD IN 35 DAYS, 21 HOURS, 35 MINUTES.



MR. LEONARD BOYNE -- FOR RE-COVERING HIS HEALTH AND RE-APPEARING AT THE APOLLO.

Mr. M. Falcon, playing for the Gentlemen against the Players, took the last 6 wickets for 38 runs-in 60 minutes. -- Playing for the Gentlemen against the Players, Mr. Gilbert L. Jessop made a brilliant 81, batting for 70 minutes. His score included one 6, ten 4's, and five 3's. - Mr. J. H. Mears, of the New York "Evening Sun"-with suit-case and camera-is endeavouring to travel round the world in 35 days, 21 hours, and 35 minutes. The existing record is 37 days, and ordinary travellers have often done the journey in from 38 to 39 days .---- Mr. Leonard Boyne, after his illness, reappears in "General John Regan."

Photographs by Sport and General, Record Press, and Foulsham and Banfield.

HEROIC DEFEAT: THE ETON AND HARROW MATCH.



12. THE HERO OF THE MATCH: MR. GEOFFREY WILSON (THE SHORTER BATSMAN ON THE RIGHT) PATTED ON THE BACK BY HIS FRIENDS AFTER HIS GREAT INNINGS FOR HARROW.

13. AFTER MAKING THE SECOND HIGHEST SCORE ON RECORD IN AN ETON AND HARROW MATCH: MR. GEOFFREY WILSON (IN THE CENTRE BACKGROUND) ENTERING THE PAVILION AT LORD'S AFTER HIS GREAT INNINGS.

14. VICTORS AND VANQUISHED EQUALLY DELIGHTED: GENERAL ENTHUSIASM OF THE SPECTATORS AT THE CLOSE OF THE ETON AND HARROW MATCH.

Though Eton won by nine wickets, the individual honours of the game rest with one Harrow batsman, Mr. Geoffrey Wilson, who in the second innings, with his 173, saved Harrow from an innings defeat. His score is only excelled by the 183 of Mr. D. C. Boles for Eton in 1904. Mr. R. K. Makant, of Harrow, made 46. Round the border are portraits of the members of the two teams. The Eton men (on the left) are: 1. Mr. M. B. Burrows. 2. Mr. F. L. Johnstone. 3. Mr. R. E. Naylor. 4. Mr. R. C. Gull. 5. Mr. J. H. Amory (Captain). 6. Mr. T. E. Nugent. 7. Mr. G. S. Rawstorne. 8. Mr. G. K. Dunning. 9. Mr. L. C. Leggatt. 10. Mr. G. Hamilton-Fletcher. The Harrow men (on the right) are: A. Mr. R. G. D. de Uphaugh. B. Mr. R. K. Makant. c. Mr. G. L. Jackson (Captain). D. Mr. G. Wilson. 11. Mr. R. C. Foster. E. Mr. E. T. Butler. F. Mr. G. A. I. Dury. G. Mr. G. E. Thompson. H. Mr. E. H. C. Le Marchant. J. Mr. J. Stirling. K. Mr. K. E. Brown. L. Mr. J. S. C. Oates. Photographs in the Border by Sport and General; Nos. 12, 13, and 14 by C.N.

THE FRENCH REVUE IN DRURY LANE.

J'Adore Ça! The new Middlesex is crowded and enthusiastic—I feel bound to state that at the beginning. I don't suppose that the old Mogul, on which it is founded, ever held a quarter of the money that was in the present building the other night when I was there. We began gaily with quite a superb joke, invented by the Censors—indeed, if the standard of humour of the piece had been at anything like the level of this joke we should have had a screaming entertainment. For the great "Panjandrum," when permitting the music-halls to produce stage plays, stipulated, for the protection of the theatres, that the piece should form only part of a programme containing at least six other items. Consequently, "J'Adore Ça!" was kept back for a few minutes whilst we had a couple of scraps on the orchestra, a quite funny little bit of bioscope, and three snatches of song. I did not time them, but I should guess that the lot took ten minutes at the outside. Dear old Panjandrum—what a wag! I wonder if he ever

personally or even through the eyes of his trusty twin Censors, who, of course, have seen no offence in it since it is frivolous. Somehow, I think that the authorities should have chosen people a little unsophistiless cated for the post. One feels instinctively that to Mr. Charles Brookfield's office one might apply the phrase "To the pure all things are pure "; and it would have been well to appoint some official with a less beautifully refined nature, for the new revue sometimes a little bevond reasonable bounds. I went to Drury Lane

Fa. Marie Proge

"J'ADORE ÇA": "LA VALSE ROUGE" CARICATURED.

CARICATURED BY H. M. BATEMAN.

There have been revues in Paris possessing some full of hope. coherence, and several of us have girded a little at the popular revues of London on account of their lack of form or scheme. "J'Adore Ça!" reminded me of the story about the man who was stranded on a desert island with nothing to read but Johnson's Dictionary, and stated that he found it "very instructive reading, but a trifle disconnected." In "I Love It" any one tableau seemed as impertinent to any other as a hair in one's soup or a metal button in a sausage, and the order of the scenes could be changed The house certainly was delighted, without the least difficulty. though there were moments when the lady near me seemed to think it necessary to fidget so much with her programme, and I found it my duty to say that I had dropped my Gibus and to request our young Artist to grope about in the darkness for a black hat that was not there—thus in part fulfilling Lord Justice Bowen's famous description of a suitor in search of equity.

I Doubt Whether I Do.

Some things are resented by the mildest of us. There arrives a moment in the early stages of the life of nearly every human being when he suddenly objects to being addressed in a language which includes terms such as "did'ums" and "goo-goo": he considers that he has put away childish things, and is wrathful at what he regards as an insult to his intelligence. I felt rather in this mood the other night. Our French friends seem to have acted on the theory that

anything from France is good enough for these barbarous Islanders. They have always thought that, more or less, and always will. They have their excuse, since we have a fantastical gift for admiring things merely because they are French. You will see the solemn Englishman gravely remove a sort of cake of curdled milk from a tepid grey fluid compound of chicory and coffee-mostly chicoryin a thick shallow bowl (nearly as big as the basin in which he has tried to wash himself) and ask why can't we get coffee like this in You may watch him eating stringy cow-beef, stewed England? to rags and covered with unhealthy sauce, and rave about the French cuisine; and he firmly believes that all French plays and players are better than English. Therefore, it is natural that our charming neighbours should eternally try it on the dog; as a matter of fact, there are some quite clever actors in the revue, and one of them was very amusing as a comic policeman. Why is the policeman-the chief essential of modern life, really the backbone of

our state and a creature of immense dignityalways regarded as comic? To me, the supreme expression of our civilisation is the stately march of Robert through the streets when a regiment is along; e '' raw passing and the lobster" is there officially as a symbol of the superiority of the civilian and as a protector of the "boiled lobsters." Moreover, we had quite a moving little melodrama with a brave French sailor and a gang of Apaches and a distressed damsel: also. Mlle. there was Fernande Diamant. described on the posters as "the most

beautiful woman in Paris," a statement obviously untrue, since she was in Drury Lane.

But Others May. Certainly Mlle. Diamant is a very handsome woman, and if she did not out-Herod Herod, she out-Saloméd most of the Salomés in the matter of costume, or the lack of it, and her dance was received enthusiastically, though not, so far as I could judge, on account of its intrinsic merits as a And who could resist a battle of flowers, a combat with the fair ladies of the company, in which white pinks were the missiles ?though vegetables are more, I believe, in the traditions of the old Mogul, and would have had the advantage of carrying further, so that people beyond the first few rows of the fauteuils could have engaged in the friendly strife. The most successful item was the scene in which a pretence was made on the stage of taking a cinematograph picture of the audience: the members of the Ba-Ta-Clan Company placed here and there among us created a sham opposition with great energy and considerable comic effect. After all, "J'Adore Ca!" is a quite remarkable entertainment, and may well be recommended to London pleasure-seekers in order that they may see to what extent "they order . . . this matter better in France." Whether, as some pretend, the success has done anything to strengthen the much-talked of Entente Cordiale I cannot say, but at least it has contributed to some extent towards an entente between the East and the West End. E. F. S. (MONOCLE.)

BY OUR UNTAMED ARTIST: "J'ADORE ÇA!"



THE FRENCH REVUE AT THE MIDDLESEX: BATEMAN CARICATURES.

"J'Adore Cal" from the Ba-Ta-Clan, Paris, is drawing great audiences to the Middlesex.

CARICATURED BY H. M. BATEMAN.



THE MARQUESS OF LANSDOWNE.

R. BALFOUR was Lord Lansdowne's fag at Eton. It is said that the relationship was courteous on both sides. If the parts have changed, it is with no loss of good manners. Admittedly, Lord Lansdowne does much Party drudgery; admittedly, Mr. Balfour is the man of ideas; but whatever their respective rôles, theirs is exactly the right conjunction of talents and circumstance. To see them together during recent years of fellowship was

to see the whole of Conservatism arm-in-arm with itself.

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The Precise Man, Lansand a Contrast. downe has the look of precision. Alongside of Mr. Balfour, he appears more than ever precise. "A. J. B." has outgrown him—has over-grown him; "A. J. B.'s" hair is long, his figure leans, not like the Tower of Pisa, always in one direction-towards Rome-but this way and that. The author of "A Defence of Philosophic Doubt " presents a figure of insta-bility. It is only a matter of appearance, but serves to accentuate the tightness, neatness, and briskness of the Marquess (a form he prefers to "Marquis"). The careful grooming is characteristic—as characteristic in its way as Mr. Balfour's unscissored remnants. The very baldness, assisting the impression of a head full of alertness, is appropriate. There is no nonsense about Lord Lans-

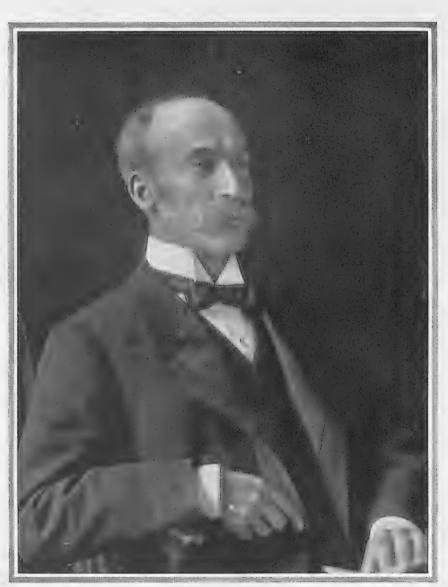
"What Gentlemen His man-ners are We Look!" simple; and all the better for it. He does not overwhelm a stranger with a three-minutes' cordiality, and leave him, high and dry, to his own devices. To one man and another Lord Lansdowne is the same, even if the one man is a Peer; and the other, by some untoward accident, a When Labour Member. his Lordship's grandfather went to Nelson's funeral. his carriage, as it passed

through the City, got into a block, so that he had to make his way through the crowd in full dress. "What gentlemen we look!" said Windham, who was with him. Given Court dress, a carriage in the background, and a dingy crowd for contrast, the thing became apparent—at least, to Windham. There is nothing adventitious, however, in the gentlemanliness of the fifth Marquess. Ten minutes may pass before he says anything that your head-clerk could not say equally well, or ten years of acquaintanceship may bring forth nothing but small talk; it is not by brilliance that he makes an impression. Good breeding is more than skin-deep. It makes commonplaces pleasant.

A Career of Plain Sense.

It is because he is shorn of mannerisms that one can get the most definite view of him by placing him among his contemporaries. In the heterogeneous gatherings of the House he stands out as a man without whims or cranks, as one who is the slave of neither nerves nor habit. Among oddities he is the odd man, simply because there is nothing odd about him. The

record of his career offers no unexpected episodes; and you can search the gossips in vain for one page of mystery in his whole life and letters. He had only just come of age when, in 1866, he succeeded to the title. Gladstone gave him his first work two years later; after a difference with his chief on the Irish Question, he was offered, and accepted, the Governor-Generalship of Canada, where his French sympathies (his mother was nearly a Frenchwoman) made him particularly welcome. From Lord Salisbury he received the Viceroyalty of India, and later became Secretary of War in the same leader's last Ministry. But it was as Leader in the Upper House that he could best show his hand, "the iron hand in a velvet glove." The iron, of late, has met something still harder, a big Liberal majority, but for all that, it has kept its covering. Lord Lansdowne's restraint and humour has never deserted him in a crisis. He plays a losing game with the heart of a Hirst.



THE MARQUESS OF LANSDOWNE.

Henry Charles Keith Fitzmaurice, fifth Marquess of Lansdowne, K.G., P.C., G.C.S.I., G.C.M.G., G.C.I.E., was born on Jan. 14, 1845. He succeeded to the Marquessate in 1866, and to the Barony of Nairne in 1895. He has held numerous most important positions, including those of Under-Secretary of State for War, Under-Secretary for India, Governor-General of Canada and Commander-in-Chief of Prince Edward Island, Viceroy of India, Secretary of State for War, and Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs. At the Coronation of King George V. he bore the Royal Standard. In 1869, he married Lady Maud Evelyn Hamilton, daughter of the first Duke of Abercorn.—[Photograph by Lafayette.]

Lansdowne House and Its Holders.

The "famous house in a famous square" has, like its owner's time, been given over ungrudgingly to the business of politics. Lady Lansdowne has never hesitated in sacrificing her drawing-room carpets to the hob-nails of the backwoodsmen. Her lawns, which adjoin those of Devonshire House, have been

overrun with the political visitor. The Colonial visitor is never tired of putting his foot down there. Lady Lansdowne is famous in the large world for all the duller forms of entertaining, in the small for a charm that ensures success to all more personal occasions. "Allegory, London," is an address familiar to the cables of all quarters of the world, for Lansdowne House is one of the Empire's places of call, but, despite that, it keeps the character of family. It has its reserves. And it would seem that the Fitzmaurice tradition is to be preserved. The Earl of Kerry, born on the same day of the same month as his father, is a keen worker in much the same fields.

THE TSAR'S FAIR DAUGHTERS: TWO CHARMING GRAND DUCHESSES.



MILITARY CHIEFS: THE GRAND DUCHESSES OLGA AND TATIANA OF RUSSIA, THE ELDEST CHILD AND THE SECOND CHILD OF THE EMPEROR OF RUSSIA.

The Grand Duchess Oiga, eldest child of the Emperor of Russia, was born on Nov. 3, 1895. She is Chief of the 3rd Regiment of Hussars of Elizabethgrad. The Grand Duchess Tatiana, his Majesty's second daughter, was born on May 29, 1897. She is Chief of the 8th Regiment of Uhlans of Vosnessensk.

Photograph by Boissonnas and Eggler.

HOST OF THE KING AND QUEEN AT BURNLEY: LORD

SHUTTLEWORTH, WITH TWO OF HIS DAUGHTERS AND

HIS YOUNGER SON, ON THE STEPS OF GAWTHORPE

HALL.

Lord Shuttleworth, the first Baron, has held various official

Lord Shuttleworth, the first Baron, has held various clifficial positions, including those of Under-Secretary of State for India, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, Parliamentary Secretary to the Admiralty, and Chairman of the Royal Commission on Canals, 1906-11. He has two sons—the Hon. Lawrence Kay-Shuttleworth and the Hon. Edward James Kay-Shuttleworth; and four daughters—the Hon. Mrs. Ramsden James, the Hon.

Mrs. Hills, the Hon. Rachel Beatrice Kay-Shuttleworth, and the Hon. Catherine Blanche Kay-Shuttleworth.

Photograph by Newspaper Illustration

HE King and Lord Shuttleworth have many things in common. His Majesty, for instance, found his declaration about his daily reading of the Bible among the household words of Gawthorpe Hall, and was reminded that his host was last year admitted a

BROOMAN -WHITE, MISS WHOSE MARRIAGE TO MR. ARTHUR BROOKE WAS FIXED FOR JULY 15.

hride is the daughter of Mr. Mrs. Brooman - White, of Arddarroch, Scotland. and Mrs.

Photograph by Val EEstrange

son, very nearly concerned with the claim

Bed or Shipboard? An operation for appendicitis takes much less time to decide upon than a wedding. Lady St. Oswald had made every arrangement to be present at the marriage of



ELEONORA OGILVIE-GRANT, WHOSE MARRIAGE TO LIEUTENANT REGINALD W. BLAKE, R.N., WAS FIXED FOR JULY 14.

The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Ogilvic-Grant, of 29, Elvaston Place. Lieutenant Blake is the son of Colonel A. M. Blake, C.B., of Danesbury, Welwyn.

Photograph by Thomson

diocesan reader by the Bishop of Carlisle. He is probably the only English Peer to hold such an office, to which his voice and manner are admirably suited. The gravity which used to impress House of Commons Committees, and got him the name of being the most imperturbable of Chairmen, was easily switched on to other service. He is also an excellent shot, and the best of hosts. "But he's such a man of the hosts. "But he's such a man of the world!" protested a friend who heard of the diocesan appointment. "Which world?" the Bishop queried back.

The Fraser Formalities:

The Hon. William Fraser, who is engaged to Miss Yvonne Palmer, is not, as Lord Saltoun's fourth

of his branch of the family to the headship of the Fraser clan. But his father has been careful never to waive that claim. Among the watchful Scots he has regarded all the formalities of his position, so that when he was asked to stay at Beaufort Castle for the coming-of-age celebrations of the present Lord Lovat, he accepted "with marked hesitation," and withdrew to the pipers' gallery during the presentation from the clansmen to the young Peer. Mr. William Fraser is, like his eldest brother, in the Gordon High-

Lord St. Oswald's brother, Mr. Cecil Winn, when she had

suddenly to change her plans and submit to the knife. That was just three days before the ceremony in St. George's. One

of "the beautiful Moncrieffes, and a sister of Mrs. William James, she has more than once been invalided out of the London season, to the distress of her many friends. In this case speed was imperative; but milder forms of appendicitis can, and are made to wait. A little batch of operations have been postponed for the silly season. It rests with the twinges; threatening catches of pain that can be endured through the London season, with the surgeon at the end of the telephone, are not the best companions at Cowes or in Scotland. "It all depends on 'pendy,' " is the provisional acceptance

that leaves one yachting hostess in doubt as to the filling of her cabins.

There has been, in default of the real thing, a Seasonable. whole crop of engagements of the imagination.

The Sackville litigation was followed by the announcement that Miss Sackville-West was engaged-but not, as a gossip with an eye to a picturesque settlement of the case might have suggested, to a Scott. The inevitable contradiction followed; and now the "engagement" between Lady Rachel Stuart-Wortley and the Hon. Lionel Tennyson is stigmatised as "unauthorised and untrue." The dealing in names has proved particularly hazardous of late, so that even the Observer, taking the safe course, is content to

say that an engage ment will shortly be announced " between the daughter of an Earl to whom a flourishing seaside resort owes much of its

Miss Strutt, who was born in 1890, Photograph by Langfier. popularity and a young officer of the House-

hold Cavalry." Such a paragraph is certainly not worth contradicting and perhaps hardly worth writing, though it is time that one's thoughts should fly to Bexhill and the sea.

Mr. Roosevelt is shortly Second Fiddle. coming to London, and coming so quietly that probably only a few friends will know of his presence Several times he has come, and gone, on the same terms. Besides his London journey he has been fixing up another expedition in the wilds, with big-game for his chief motive, and a missionary for his companion. It happens that the president and the priest found that they were planning to go the same road, and decided to do it together. Mr. Roosevelt sees the disadvantages.

twice of your skin; you'll be getting martyred, and then where do I come in?"

Theodore the Unknown.

The popular conception of

Mr. Roosevelt, and one which he humorously furthers when he complains of giving precedence to the missionary at the stake, is of a man always in the leading rôle. "When he goes to a wedding he wants to be the bridegroom; when he goes to a funeral he wants to be the corpse," is an American summingup of his ambitions. But, speaking of weddings, nothing could have been quieter than Mr. Roosevelt's. He was married in London; and when he revisits the scene of that most successful of his enterprises, it is at the peril of hearing his name chanted by a guide among celebrities from the church register.



TO MARRY MR. G. BROMLEY MARTIN TO-MORROW (JULY 17): MISS OLIVIA MAUDE STRUTT, DAUGHTER OF THE HON. RICHARD STRUTT.

is the only daughter of the eldest of Lord Rayleigh's three brothers.

"I know you fellows," he says to his new friend. "You don't think



TO MARRY MR. ALFRED RENDELL - STREET TO-MOR-ROW (JULY 17): MISS EMILY S. DASHWOOD.

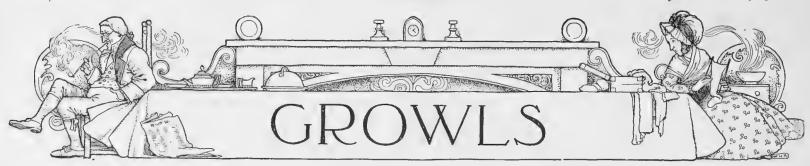
Miss Dashwood is the eldest daughter of Sir George and Lady Mary Dashwood, and a grand-daughter of the fifth Marquess of Hertford. Mr. Rendell-Stree: is the youngest son of the late Mr. John Rendell-Street, of Svdnev, New South Wales, - Photo, by Thomson.]

THE GREAT WORLD: FAMOUS SOCIETY FIGURES. IN



- I. LADY JULIET DUFF, DAUGHTER OF THE FOURTH EARL OF LONSDALE | 2. MRS: ANDREW DE PORTAL KINGSMILL, OF SYDMONTON COURT, AND OF THE MARCHIONESS OF RIPON.
- 3. THE HEREDITARY GRAND DUKE OF MECKLENBURG STRELITZ, WHO HAS BEEN MUCH SEEN IN ENGLISH SOCIETY OF LATE.
- NEWBURY, WHO GAVE BIRTH TO TWINS THE OTHER DAY.
- 4. COUNTESS PERCY, WIFE OF THE DUKE OF NORTHUMBERLAND'S HEIR, AND LIKELY TO BE HOSTESS FOR HER FATHER IN-LAW.

Lady Gladys Mary Juliet Lowther, daughter of the fourth Earl of Lonsdale, was born in 1881, and, in 1903, married Mr. Robert George Vivian Duff, only son of Sir Charles Garden Assheton-Smith, Bt., who, in 1905, assumed the surname and arms of Assheton-Smith in lieu of his patronymic, Duff. Her mother is now Marchioness of Ripon .-Mrs. de Portal Kingsmill was formerly Miss Gladys Frances Johnson. She was married in 1904. Her husband is Lord of the Manors of Litchfield and Sydmonton. Hereditary Grand Duke of Mecklenburg-Strelitz is the son and heir of the Grand Duke of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, and was born in June 1882.—Countess Percy, wife of the Duke of Northumberland's heir, will, presumably, act as hostess for her father-in-law in the future. Her marriage took place in 1911. Before that she was known as Lady Helen Gordon-Lennox, youngest daughter of the seventh Duke of Richmond and Gordon-[Photographs by E. O. Hoppe and Lallie Charles.]



WHY I DO NOT GO TO THE ROYAL ACADEMY: A SUGGESTED REVIVAL.

I CANNOT help stating, without any mincing of words, that I am sick and aweary of the crude and self-sufficient superiority that distinguishes the present day. Without having made the slightest intellectual advance that is visible to the naked eye, people at large seem to feel it incumbent upon them to adopt a lofty attitude



AS LIKE AS TWO-TWINS: ALBERT EBENEZER FOX AND EBENEZER ALBERT FOX, OF STEVENAGE, WHO RESEMBLE ONE ANOTHER TO EMBARRASSING EXTENT.

The well-known Stevenage twins, Albert Ebenezer and Ebenezer Albert Fox, are so alike that, in a recent case against them, witnesses could not tell one from the other. They were charged with poaching, and were sentenced to a month's hard labour each.

towards matters to which they have given no serious study, and on which they are therefore in no way entitled to form any opinion. They sniff showily at what was more than good enough for their forebears, and turn up their noses, where Nature has not anticipated them, at things which but a few years ago were regarded as valid excuses for national pride. And in no respect is this tendency more marked than in the low esteem in which the annual exhibition at Burlington House is generally held, and in the derogatory remarks which are habitually levelled at it. I could bring myself to forgive their supercilious demeanour if there were even the slenderest indication that their malleable minds had become warped and distorted by the more recent extraordinary developments in the realm of Art. If they had become actually obsessed with the view that the human form divine is more accurately expressed when the face is parallelogrammatic and the torso rhomboidal, then I should not have said a word against them. I should be unaffectedly sorry for them, and I should deeply regret that they had been led astray, but I should lodge no formal complaint. But such is not the case. These modern monstrosities, so far from appealing to them, inspire them with an amused dislike; but at the same time, they can find no corner in their hearts for what somebody or other has told them is mawkish and out You ask them if they have been to the Academy, and up go their eyebrows with an expression which plainly asks what on earth you take them for.

So far as I am personally concerned, I must My Position. confess right away that for a length of years I have regularly absented myself from this orgy of British Art, but my reasons for so abstaining are based upon grounds totally different from theirs. I have not the necessary time at my disposal; I do not receive a ticket for the Private View with the regularity I could wish; my aging feet are festooned with corns; and I am averse from surrendering my stick to an official at a time when widespread lawlessness makes it inadvisable to go about without some weapon of defence. But though in my advancing years I withhold my patronage, I cherish in my mind the tenderest recollections of those days in my callow youth when the visit to the Royal Academy was an annual event of thrilling magnitude, one to be looked forward to with avidity and to be remembered with gusto. In those unsophisticated days, this visitation was very properly regarded as an indispensable contributory to a liberal education, and as I was by way of being liberally educated, it was inconceivable that a twelvemonth should be allowed to elapse without my being given the opportunity of feasting my eyes and expanding my mind by the contemplation of walls crowded with contemporary masterpieces. My recollection is not so clear as to tell me whether I—or any body else, for that matter—was ever raised to a state of spiritual exaltation by the wonderments that winked from the walls; but, at any rate, none ever dreamed of sneering. The kitten peeping from the coffee-pot was noted duly and without derision, and the puppy emerging from the muff provoked no caustic comment. But what set the seal upon this intellectual treat, and what left one satisfied that all was right with the art world was the subsequent visit to Grange's!

A Practical Policy.

Grange's! What wondrous remembrances come at the sound of that mystic word. Grange, I would have you to know, was a practical philan-

thropist who kept a shop on the opposite side of Piccadilly but a few paces from Burlington House, and there he devoted himself to the dispensing to all and sundry of strawberries of the finest texture and cream of the most blameless origin. Rumour persistently had it that he evolved these delicacies from a model farm of his own owning; but be that as it may, he purveyed a blend that was of the rarest and of the most succulent, and one before which envy, hatred, malice, and all uncharitableness fled affrighted and ashamed. After a portion of this ingratiating provender, all was couleur de rose; a wave of almost cloying content welled over the soul, and nothing but the most deep-rooted dyspepsia could have admitted of anything in the

nature of hypercriticism. The Roval Academy a n d Grange's were inseparably connected, and to criticise the one would have been to cast a slur upon the other, which would have been equally absurd and unjust. But Grange departed from the scenes of his benevolence, and I am assured in my own mind that from his departure is to be dated that souring of the milk of human kindness which characterises to-day. Whither he betook his soothing self I know not, but I am convinced that if we could only trace his whereabouts and induce him to resume his emulsional operations, we should be rendering solid service to the art of these islands. The habitués of former days would rally round and would religiously perambulate the galleries (for it was always a point of honour never to indulge in strawberries and cream without having previously prepared vourself by a rigid

course of Burlington



CHARM FOR THE KAISER: A MARBLE STATUE BOUGHT BY THE GERMAN EMPEROR FOR HIS CORFU PALACE.

The statue, which is life-sized and is called "Charm," is by Professor Fritz Heinemann, of Berlin.

Photograph by C.N.

House), and would return to their homes with all the satisfaction of feeling that, so far as picture-painting was concerned, we could still hold our heads up amongst the nations. Revive Grange's, I say, and restore the fallen fortunes of British Art.—MOSTYN T. PIGOTT.

PEOPLE TO WHOM WE HOPE WE ARE ALTOGETHER SUPERIOR!



XXII.-THE MAN WHO CULTIVATES DISCONTENT.

ROSEMARY FOR REMEMBRANCE: ROSES FOR REFLECTIONS.

BY MARTHE TROLY-CURTIN.

Author of "Phrynette and London" and "Phrynette Married."

NCE upon a time an Englishman—if I remember right, it was Mr. John Burns—quoted to me an epigram of Mme. de Stael. I knew that epigram before, and much to my taste it was; but there is a double pleasure in hearing an Englishman appreciating wit in women. Men here do not generally; and, much as an accomplished artist often hides the brilliance of his technique to achieve a surer and more impressive effect, the best purpose for a woman's cleverness is the hiding of the Wit behind the Woman. But this is a digression. What Mme. de Stael said and Mr. Burns quoted was. "The more I know of men, the more I love dogs." It was meant as disparaging for men, but it was not so really for

there is nothing more man-like than a dog. I don't think Mme. de Stael had studied dogs very closely. There is on earth no animal more human (Darwin's ape notwithstanding) The dog has all the qualities and passions of man without possessing the vices and complexities which endear man to us and render him so interesting and obsessing. When I stare at a dog straight in the eyes, I fall to thinking of my own soul, of my duties to humanity, of all the good I might have done, and should doin fact, of all the vain and unsettling things the presence of an unselfish spirit can evoke. I would no more have a dog for a friend than I would have a fanatic lover. The undeserved adoration of either would irritate me and arouse in me the tyrannical and cruel instincts that lurk in the hearts of all idols. He who adores, he who in love gives all, loses all. Our unconsciously logical ego resents undeserved and unreasoning worship. It is very un-

just and very human.
But this is another digression. I would go further than Mme. de Stael: dogs are too much like their masters to be preferred to them. Vegetables are so much more satisfying than either. When Alphonse Karr abandoned Paris, its pomp, its pride, praises, and passions, for what was then the wilderness of the Riviera, there to grow roses and carnations, he had arrived at the same conclusion as Mme. de Stael, only he would (perhaps!) have couched it so—

The more I know rosses the more I love roses!

I believe I have told you before the meaning of the word rosse. It is French slang, and irreplaceable. To be rosse is to be a caricaturist linked with a misanthrope—he of the atrophied heart in which the milk of human kindness has turned very sour indeed! (Unsound knowledge of anatomy mine, what?) Who can tell me of the equivalent of rosse in English? I have not been able to find one myself.

The wonder is that so few people embrace rose-growing as a soul solace, as in days gone by they entered a convent or plunged into slumming. Last Sunday morning I was deep in the blues—down, down where blue is so deep as to become black. Well, I went for a whiff of the roses in Kew Gardens. There were comparatively few people around the rose-beds, as the call of the river is listened to eagerly, and I had beauty in bunches, in bushes, in sprays, in single blooms, in garlands, in arches, in festoons; and in regal aloofness, all to myself and a few kindred spirits. You can infallibly tell the nature-lover from the casual passer-by, who wanders through the garden because it is Sunday and one must go somewhere out of town. The truly initial contents of the sunday in the sunday in

town. The truly initiated, he who is filled with real rose reverence, talks in whispers and walks on tiptoe; he hovers above flowers religiously and tenderly, as a mother near a cradle. Flowerworship is soothing and complete; also, unlike virtue, it is a reward in itself! Any just admirer of beauty should admit that beauty inanimate is the most satisfactory to admire. A rose is almost abstract beauty: you can safely satiate yourself in your admiration of it. You look at it impartially, without heart-misgivings, without restrictions, and fears, and struggles; you admire it entirely and simply, without passion. It pleases your eyes and your brain-you can even see its thorns without anger. You cannot admire beauty in a human being without running the risk of loving him-or that he should believe it. And animals also; there is such a thing as "to give our heart for a dog to tear," as Rudyard Kipling says in his dog-poem. Admire a man's envelope, and he will

think he can command



UNCONVENTIONAL PORTRAITS OF THE HOST AND HOSTESS OF THE KING AND QUEEN IN LANCASHIRE: THE EARL AND COUNTESS OF DERBY.

Edward George Villiers Stanley, seventeenth Earl of Derby, was born in April 1865, and succeeded in 1908. He served in South Africa in 1900-1, first as Chief Press Censor, then as Private Secretary to Lord Roberts; and he bas held, amongst other positions, those of Junior Lord of the Treasury, Financial Secretary to the War Office, Postmaster-General, and Lord Mayor of Liverpool. In 1889, he married Lady Alice Maud Olivia Montagu, daughter of the seventh Duke of Manchester. He has two sons—Lord Stanley, born in July 1894; and the Hon. Oliver Stanley, born in 1896—and one daughter—Lady Victoria Stanley, born in 1892.—[Photograph by C.N.]

your emotions. Admire a woman's beauty obviously enough, and she will expect your heart, or marriage, or a house in the Champs-Elysées.

Admire a child's beauty or grace, and he will ask you to take him to the "Zoo," and break your watch, or sign his name, Chinese fashion, with his jammy thumb on your new silk hat.

A rose is so superbly indifferent and disinterested. Plant a rose-tree in your garden, and, summer after summer, it will offer you colour, line, and scent. It will give you joy unalloyed with sorrow. Should it succumb to the frost or the green-flies, in its place can be planted another rose-tree of just the same species. Of the dead tree you can make a walking-stick or produce a minute's flaming glory by throwing it into the fire. A dead love is often companion of your walks, but you cannot burn remembrances.

One should only admire what one is sure not to love. If only one could love what one cannot admire!

COLD CALCULATION.



HIS WIFE: For heaven's sake, don't catch cold, Henry. Remember there's the garden-party on Tuesday.

Drawn by Frank Hart.

THIS is an Englishman's story which every Englishman should read. It is the official life of the official Englishman abroad, written with the perceptive humour which makes even officialdom interesting enough, and men absorbingly so.

From Anglesey to Africa.

Straight from his rectory home in Wales, Ralph Williams started out to see life in the Colonies. After some experience of it in the

Australian Bush and in Patagonia he returned to London and married the wife who gave, as the dedication phrases it, "her all that I might prosper." It was she who told him one morning, as he returned to their flat in Victoria Street, that she had been reading the most delightful book. It had gone back to the library, but he went out (by "good luck" again; but what woman will agree?) to procure a copy. It was Selous' "Wanderings in Africa." And that took them—husband, wife and child—to South Africa, for Central Africa and game.

That Lobengula as a Beauty Specialist. derful journey, full of good stories. Lobengula, who knew so well how to distinguish between a Kimberley digger prospecting, and those who belonged, as he put it, to the real nation, out for sport, is a pleasant incident with his "No" to the first, and his freedom of the road to the second. But, courteous though he was, he took exception to Mrs. Williams' slight figure. "He told her that she ought not to buckle her belt, as it pinched her in. He said, 'If you take it off, you will go out like that,' spreading out his hands. She laughed and did unbuckle it, not with the result he anticipated. 'Ou,' he said, 'you

should take plenty of beef and beer." Lobengula had many wives, adds Sir Ralph, but his greatest and most successful matrimonial effort was when he married the whole thirteen daughters of Unizila, a well-known Eastern chief.

It was the experience of that brave adventure The Wearing of to which Sir Ralph owed his first official appointment. An Englishman had died in the Khaki. some border trouble, and Boer treachery was at the bottom of it. This resulted in the Bechuanaland Expedition, and Sir Charles Warren, its organiser, made the great departure in British army, uniform. The clear air that blows about Laings Nek and Majuba had betrayed our scarlet coats too often, which gave Sir Charles thought to try mud-colour. And, inexorably, as English justice

has a way of arriving, Warren and he stood together beside a collection of graves upon the open veldt. To Warren's question as to which was the Englishman's, the Boers gave no satisfactory reply. "Dig them all up," said Warren. Presently Bethell's body, six months dead, but untouched by decay, lay open to the air, dressed in his bush kit. And there was the wound in the leg which had disabled him, and there was the shot in the head from a Boer rifle which had killed him where he fell. " I have Rhodes and always

Rhodesia.

be courteous to all," remarks our author, "and

I thought I was so " on

the occasion when a man

in big slouch bush-hat.

the shabbiest and most ragged of coats, with a

very dirty pair of white

flannel trousers, and old

tennis-shoes, gruffly de manded to see General Warren. "You put on

a damned lot of side,

though you didn't know

it," complained Rhodes afterwards, for Rhodes it was. During this week,

Rhodes's scheme for expansion to the north was

hatched and planned. And Sir Ralph never fell

into Warren's mistake of

taking Rhodes for a

paltrylandgrabber. From

the first he gave him the

credit of statesmanship

in blocking German col-

onisation, and, later, he

pays a fine tribute to the

poetry and the grandeur

of the Rhodes dream. His

burial on the Matoppos was the "most striking

event in which I have ever

Dopper Boer. Tory, he

has more than one good word for President Kruger, whose views he

neatly describes as being "a curious med-

ley of those of the

children of Israel in

the Wilderness and

their descendants in Houndsditch." But

Kruger flatly declined to take Lady Wil-

Though a

convinced

taken part.'

The Great

tried to



WITH MISS TUKE, THE PRINCIPAL: THE QUEEN AT THE OPENING OF THE NEW BUILDINGS OF BEDFORD COLLEGE, REGENT'S PARK.

Bedford College, whose new buildings the Queen declared open the other day, tegan as a single house in Bedford Square, in 1849. In 1874, it moved to York Place, Baker Street. Now it has six main blocks, with excellent lecture-halls, common-rooms, studies, laboratories, and a capital library. There are 75 resident and 277 day students. In the course of a speech, Lord Rosebery, referring to the fact that some people are in disagreement with the Crown's curtailment of Regent's Park for the benefit of the College, said that he could see no great impropriety in the Government giving this land for the College.—[Photograph by Illustrations Bureau.]

liams in to dinner. He said: "I have never taken any woman in to dinner except my wife."

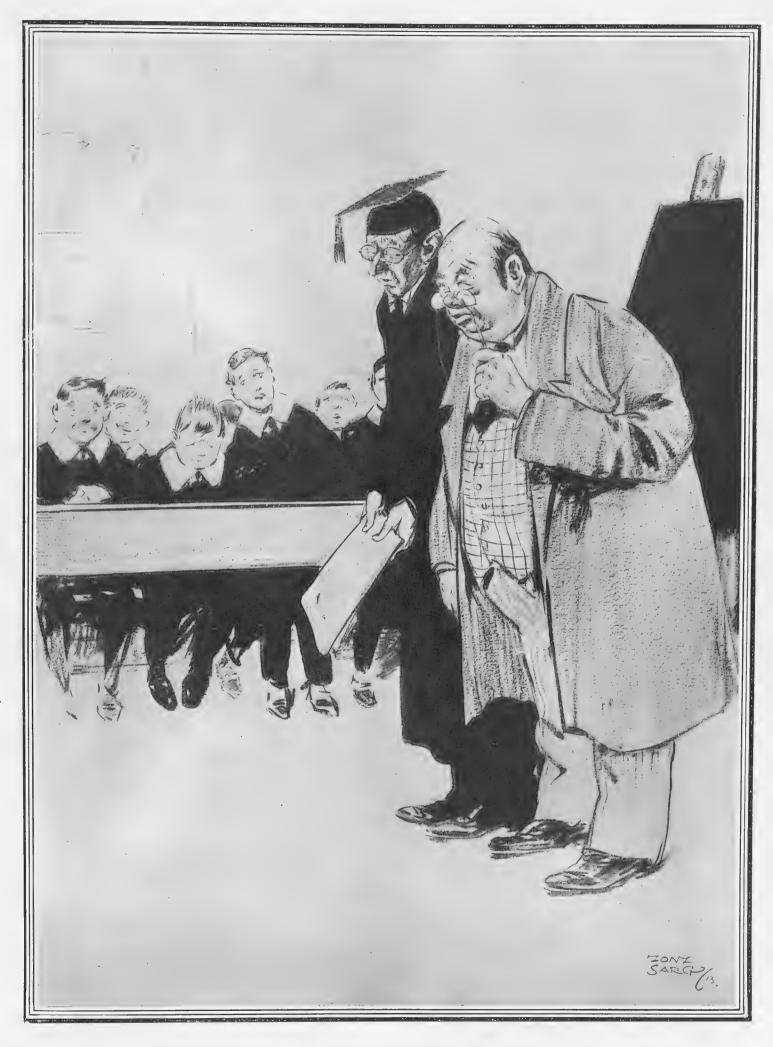
An Absorbing Book.

There is no space left for any mention of Sir Ralph's second descent on the Transvaal after the Boer War, nor of the interesting people

and events connected with it. Neither is it possible to follow him to the various posts which led him towards Governorship. Looking back across all the good things he gives his readers, one feels it is not so much that they are new and startling; it is because they are the vital things that this is such an absorbing book. It is written by a man too modest for any pretensions, even that of undercrying himself, and, quite involuntarily, the charm of a generous and brave personality fills the picture. Sir Ralph Williams is the very type of official whom Meredith saw eating his beef "like an Englishman and Leader of Men.'

[&]quot;How I Became a Governor." By Sir Ralph Williams. (John Murray; 15s.)

IN B. FLAT.



THE TEACHER OF SINGING: Now, children, give us "Little Drops of Water," and put some spirit in it.

THE HEAD (whisnering): Careful, Sir, careful. Remember this is a temperance school. Say—er—" put some ginger in it," if you must.

DRAWN BY TONY SARG.



THE 3_{RD} OF OCTOBER.

By J MORTON LEWIS.

ERRIFIELD came into my life nearly ten years ago. We met by accident one night on the Embankment. It was a clear moonlight night in October, and I was watching the reflections on the water. Suddenly I was aware of a figure not many feet from me.

We spoke. A few minutes' conversation, and we strolled along the Embankment together. We walked past Cleopatra's Needle, and then into the Strand.

Outside a restaurant we mutually paused.

" I was going in to have some dinner," I said; " will you join me?"

He smiled. "I was just going to ask you the same."

We lingered over dinner. I found he was a widely travelled man, and we had much in common.

It was nearly midnight when we thought of leaving. Just as we were rising he leant across the table.

"I cannot tell you how I have enjoyed to-night. Congenial companionship is a godsend to a lonely man."

"We shall meet again," I replied.

That was the beginning of our friendship. At last (I forget now on whose suggestion) we decided we would share rooms.

We took some, not far from Baker Street. It was a Wednesday when we moved in our joint belongings, and after an inauguration dinner, we sat smoking and talking. Suddenly my eyes rested on an ornament on the mantelpiece—a long, thin dagger, with a heavily embossed silver handle.

I saw a strange look pass over his face as I picked it up and examined it.

"Yes—a pretty piece of work. It came into my possession some years ago now."

Seeing his aversion to discussing the subject, I dropped it, and although the dagger lay on our mantelpiece, it was never mentioned by either of us again for some months.

It was the 3rd of October. I had been to the theatre by myself. I opened the front-door with a key, and entered the dining-room. There, in a chair, bound hand and foot, a gag in his mouth, sat Merrifield. The room was in disorder. His hair was ruffled, and the blood was trickling from a cut on his face.

His eyes were fixed upon an object which stood on the table a small canister, in appearance much like a tea-canister, only made of iron.

At my entry, a look of relief passed over his face.

In a second I had taken the gag out of his mouth.

"Quick," he said; "get me untied, or we are both dead men."

It was the work of a moment to unravel the knots which bound him

Directly he was free he sprang towards the table and picked up the canister. I saw him manipulating it, and for the first time heard a soft, purring tick-tick.

When he laid it down again the noise had ceased.

"You are back earlier than you expected?" he said quietly.

"Yes. The play was such confounded rubbish that I left before the end of the third act."

Merrifield smiled grimly. "I must bear a charmed life. If you had stayed to see the finish, I should have been a dead man, and this house a mass of ruins." He pointed to the canister, now lying harmless on the table. "This is the most powerful machine I have ever seen."

"Who put it there?—what does it all mean?" I asked.

He pointed to the wall near the mantelpiece. There, sticking through a small slip of paper, and into the woodwork beyond, was

the dagger I had admired so much. I examined the writing on the piece of paper. There were only a few words, written in red.

"The Society of the Dagger. Oct. 3, 1901. Oct. 3, 1906."

I looked at Merrifield for an explanation. He carefully took down the dagger, folded up the slip of paper, and put it in his lettercase. Then he sat down in a chair before the fire, and motioned me into the one opposite.

"You have never heard of the Society of the Dagger?"

" No," I replied.

"And yet, five years ago, it was the most feared in Europe." He looked up with a smile. "You know nothing about me. We met on the Embankment—which shows the folly of picking up strange acquaintances. Five years ago, the police of Europe were terrorised by the Society of the Dagger. Within three months they made three attempts upon one Monarch's life, and one upon another's. They assassinated at least five prominent statesmen. A little later it was rumoured that they were going to make an attempt upon the life of our King. Then I was called in. I was a private detective in those days—Dagmar."

I stared in amazement. The name was that of a detective known throughout Europe.

"You—Dagmar?"

Merrifield nodded. "Yes-it was after the affair of the Society of the Dagger that I retired. When the case was placed in my hands I went over to Paris, determined to join them. I wasted a month, visiting all the low quarters, associating with all the rogues that I could meet. At last I was introduced to the Society, and made a member." Merrifield paused to light a pipe. "They were Nihilists principally, whose only tenet was to kill everyone who stood for law and order in any country. Their chief, the organising brain, I never met. He was not known to more than half-a-dozen of us. I did not even know his name. I was a member for three weeks, and in that three weeks I managed to save the life of two Kings. The Society's headquarters were at a certain café in Paris, and one night, acting on my instructions, the place was raided. The whole Society was present, with the exception of our unknown head. There were 187 men in the room, and 184 were taken prisoners. Two managed to escape—a Russian named Pobinsky, and a Frenchman, Caron. Those two, together with the head of the Society, have been hunting me down ever since. It was on the 3rd of October, 1901, that the Society was exterminated, and on each anniversary they have made an attempt upon my life. To-night, about nine o'clock, there was a knock at our door-your knock, and I thought you had returned early. When I opened it, Caron and Pobinsky rushed upon me. In a moment they had bound me; they carried me in here, lashed me to that chair, set the infernal machine working, and left me to stare at it and count the moments that might elapse before I was hurled into Eternity."

He rose, and carefully knocked the ashes from his pipe. Then he faced me.

"We shall have to part, old chap—I shall carry my life in my hands for the rest of my days. Sometime they will have me—and I am not going to let you take any risks as well. So, at the end of the week, we 'll give up the flat, and go our different ways."

"We shall do nothing of the kind," I replied. "Four hands will be better than two when the time comes." There was a reticence in my manner which he understood. Words are not necessary between two men who are friends.

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A year had passed, and in that year many things had happened. Pobinsky and Caron were dead. The former had committed suicide

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FORE!



THE TAXI-DRIVER: W'ereabouts in Chancery Lane d'yer want?
THE OTHER: W'ere the Safe Deposit is.

THE TAXI-DRIVER: Wot, ain't the family jools safe down at The Grange don't yer think?

DRAWN BY HOPE READ.



THE CHILD: Oh, Mummy, Willie's torn three slips off the calendar and made it next Sunday.

DRAWN BY MARRY LOW.



Mrs. ICKS: 1 's lovely day, Mrs. Wicks. I could do a nice long walk, then a sit down and a glass o' stout, and then the tram 'ome

MRS. Wicks: Well, er course, 's'all a matter o' taste; but speaking personally for myself, wot I always like, day same's this, is a motor-car ride, say, to Brighton, lunch at the Meteropol, an' then "ome by moonlight.

DRAWN BY HOPE READ.



HE: I've been told that in some of these French watering-places people bathe in puris naturalibus.

SHK: Shocking, isn't it; and I daresay some not even in that.

DRAWN BY G. S. SHERWOOD.

in London; the latter had been destroyed by his own bomb in an attempt to blow up a President.

Merrifield and I shared the same old flat, and the dagger still lay upon the mantelpiece. Affairs had been prosperous with us during the year A successful play had given me the editorship of a new weekly, while Merrifield acted as dramatic critic for a couple of papers.

It was during the last days of September; we had both been to criticise a new opera, written by an Englishman. Afterwards we turned into our club, one which threw open its doors to members of all professions, men and women.

We were walking through the lounge, when Merrifield drew my attention to a tall, dark woman, standing talking to a group of men.

"That is Mlle. Carstang. Doesn't she look different off the stage?" Mlle. Carstang was the prima-donna who had made the great success in the new opera.

As we passed through to the smoking-room, I noticed she glanced curiously at us both, and exchanged a few quick remarks with someone to whom she was speaking.

Half-an-hour later we were introduced to her. We chatted for a few moments, then Merrifield suggested we should have some supper.

Mlle. Carstang smiled. "A supper that is almost a breakfast, eh; M'sieu? "-she glanced at her watch as she spoke.

We sat talking until daylight almost, when Mlle. Carstang rose. "I shall await your verdict anxiously," she said: "and if you are not too unkind, you may come and see me. You know my address." Although she included us both, her remark was addressed to my friend.

Who will not after to-night?" he replied, with a bow.

A few days later, there came an invitation to us both to attend a reception at Mlle. Carstang's house on the following Sunday.

"You will go?" asked Merrifield.
"If you wish."

"I shall, if I am alive," he responded. "The invitation is for the 4th of October.

It was the first time we had mentioned the subject for a year. Merrifield smiled grimly. "I shall spend the Saturday evening at home."

"I shall not go out either," I said. "As I said once before, four hands are better than two."

Saturday was a day of tension for us both. All through the afternoon and evening we waited, expecting every moment to hear a knock at the door, or some sign of the unknown leader of the Society. About ten o'clock a heavy step sounded in the passage which led to the flat.

I leapt to my feet and seized a revolver, but Merrifield smiled. "I expect it is the postman. And the Leader of that Society will not come like that, whoever he is "—he glanced towards the window as he spoke-" rather a shot through there."

The next second a double knock on the door proved the truth of his words. Cautiously Merrifield went into the passage. On the mat lay a single letter. He brought it back and looked at it.
"It is from Mlle. Carstang." He opened the envelope. "A

short note, saying she has not heard from either of us, and hoping we shall be present to-morrow. By this time she has my acceptance." He put the letter in his pocket. "Another couple of hours, and I shall feel I can breathe for a year."

The two hours dragged slowly by-I know of nothing so silent and yet so full of strange noises as a London square. At last, from somewhere near by, a church clock struck midnight. Merrifield rose to his feet, and there was a look of relief on his face. "Thank God!" he said.

He went to the sideboard and poured out two stiff glasses of brandy-and-soda. When he had drunk his, he picked up the dagger from where it lay on the mantelpiece.

For three hundred and sixty-four days I can regard this as you do—as a pretty ornament. For one day I hold it in a kind of dread."

The next day we called upon Mlle. Carstang. We found her the centre of a brilliant little group - all men and women high in the professional world. She greeted us with a smile.
"I want you to stop after the others have left, if you can spare

the time—I want to have a long chat with you."

Merrifield assumed an air of mock gravity. "I hope the notices pleased you?"
"They were delightful. And now you must excuse me."

Tea was at four o'clock; an hour later Mademoiselle's guests, had departed, and we were alone. She faced us. "What a nuisance your English receptions are," she said.

We stayed for another hour or more, chatting on many subjectsof art and the drama, of Paris, Berlin, and London.

When we left, Mlle. Carstang held Merrifield's hand in hers for a second. "And you will come and see me sometimes, M'sieu? It is nice to talk to someone who knows his Paris."

" I have now two friends in London," he said, as we were walking home. There was a note of happiness in his tone, and a smile upon his face.

A few weeks later, I went abroad for a few months-travelling Europe, and writing short articles for the paper upon whose staff I was engaged.

When I returned, it was late September again. Merrifield met me at Charing Cross.

"How are you? You look the picture of health." He took my arm as we walked down the platform. "It's good to see you again. I do not believe in many friends; but the worst of having only two is you miss one terribly when you are parted.'

"And Mlle. Carstang. How is she?"
"Very well, indeed. She has taken London by storm. If you are not too tired by the evening, I have arranged for a little supper à trois—to welcome the wanderer back to London.'

"I shall be delighted"—I glanced at my clothes, which bore the mark of the traveller. "It will be good to get into evening-dress

Mademoiselle's welcome was no less warm.

"I have read your articles every day," she said. "I do not know what I would not give to be able to write, but I cannot "-she made an expressive gesture—" the words will not come."

When the supper was over, and we were back in our flat, Merrifield turned to me.

"Did you notice anything to-night?" he asked.

"Mlle. Carstang is, if anything, more beautiful."

"Yes, yes—is that all?"

I turned and faced him suddenly. "I suppose you will be engaged before very long?"

He flung himself down in a chair. His face had grown grey. "Ah-if I had not this hanging over me." He pointed to the dagger on the mantelpiece. "I feel my life is not my own. To-day week is the 3rd of October, and by evening I may be dead. I am madly, passionately in love with her and yet this hangs over me to destroy my happiness. It is not right for me to speak to her. I have been wrong in trying to win her love, but you cannot realise what she has been to me."

"I should tell her everything," I said.

He was silent for a moment. "Yes," he said slowly, "I will, but I will wait until the 3rd is over. If no attempt is made upon my life this year, I shall think something has happened to the Leader of the Society of the Dagger—and that I am free. I shall throw my fears behind me, and forget it all."

III.

When I came down to breakfast upon the 3rd of October, Merrifield had already arrived.

He greeted me with a smile, but there was a look of weariness

on his face—one which told of a sleepless night.
"I shall go out to-day," he said "I am as safe out of doors as here. I have an appointment this morning, but I am free this after-There is a concert at the Oueen's Hall—shall we go?

" I should like to."

"Good, then we will. We had better have lunch at Veroni'swill you meet me there at 1.30?

It was early evening when we returned home. All the way Merrifield had been chatting about the concert.

'We will go somewhere this evening," he said, as he switched on the electric-light in the dining-room. He looked quickly round the room, and his face turned white. "Somebody has been here," he said, in a low voice. He rushed to the curtains and drew them aside, to see that no one was hidden there.

My eyes wandered to the mantelpiece. "Look," I cried, "the

dagger has gone."

Merrifield turned sharply round. "And there is a handkerchief there——" He picked it up, and from its folds there dropped an envelope. "My God," he said, "it's Marie's writing—Marie's handkerchief. What does it all mean?" He tore open the envelope and read the letter. Then he turned to me. "Dick," he said brokenly, "she was the Leader of the Society—the person I have feared for the last seven years. The woman I love—read it——"

I took the letter. It was a short note, pathetic in its simplicity, telling my friend that she had got to know him simply that she might work out her revenge. "A dozen times I have tried, but each day has made it the harder. And now, dear one, you have made me love you, and I see no other end, so I have taken the dagger and left you this letter. You will understand, and you will forgive, because I know you care-

Merrifield was staring at the mantelpiece where the dagger

"We must go to Mlle. Carstang's at once," I said.

"Yes," he replied dazedly, and reached for his hat.

He followed me in silence out of our flat into the street. Within twenty minutes of seeing the letter we were at Mlle. Carstang's. "Yes," said the maid; "Mademoiselle is at home."

She rapped upon the drawing-room door and opened it. Then, with a shriek, she ran back to us.

"Sir," she said, "Mademoiselle-

We waited to hear no more. Rushing past her, we entered the drawing-room. There, on a couch, lay Mlle. Carstang, and plunged through her breast, the dagger!

There was a look of peace upon her face. She had chosen the only road which lay open to her.

THE END.

THE FRENCH AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP-LORD CHARLES HOPE WINS: CADDIES IN KHAKI.

I ran over to Paris the other day The Latest to see what they were doing in the matter of the French Amateur Championship. Championship, and a mightily entertaining expedition it did prove, with much news of consequence and pleasant gossip attached to it. This one looked more like a real championship gathering than any other that has yet been held upon the Continent; and, unless I am much mistaken, the meeting has gathered a prestige this year that will urge it forward at a great rate in the future. The competitors are still comparatively few, but their quality is good enough for anything, and when you see such men as Messrs. Blackwell, Hilton, Lassen, and others of the sort in the picture, you know that the proper goods for a championship are being supplied. I am convinced that in a very little while the French Championship will occupy a place in the season's programme very similar to that occupied now by the Irish Open Amateur Championship, which is invariably one of the most popular and successful events of the year, and is enjoyed by all who like to have good golf against stern rivals and a good time together. For



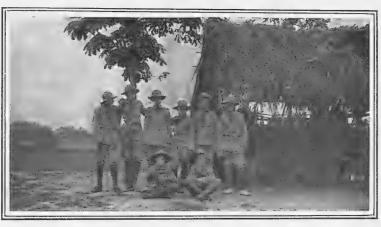
THE ONLY FRENCH
PLAYER WHO HAS EVER
WON THE FRENCH AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP: M. FRANÇOIS DE

wrong notion about the difficulties of getting there. The casual visitor to Paris feels full of confidence in himself when he has nothing more to do than go buying little things in the Rue de la Paix, or seeking pleasure up Montmartre way; but the prospect seems full of difficulties when it is a case of getting himself with a bag of golf-clubs to some place a few miles out. of fact, to go from the centre to La Boulie is very much like getting out for a day from London to Walton Heath. I leave my hotel, not a million miles from the Place Vendôme, at about the hour of nine. If I am not later than that and the morning is fresh, the walk is suggested through a corner of the gardens of the Tuileries, across the Place de la Concorde, over the Seine, and along the Quai d'Orsay, to the Invalides Station, from which the train—that is, the proper one for us—leaves at 9.27 for Versailles, and gets there in half-an-hour, or thereabouts. At Versailles the club motor-omnibus is waiting, and runs us along to our destination in a very few

Boy Scout Caddies. This Championship meeting was remarkable for many things. There was the terrible slowness of some of the American



ON THE RESULT OF THE FRENCH AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP; THE THIRD GREEN AT LA BOULIE.



TRAINED IN SEMI-MILITARY STYLE AND DRESSED IN KHAKI: CADDIES AT LA BOULIE, SCENE OF THE FRENCH AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP, OUTSIDE THEIR OWN SPECIAL HUT.

people in London and the South generally, Paris is easier to reach than the Irish links; and, once the habit is established of going over to this meeting, it will never stop. The course of the Société de Golf de Paris at La Boulie, near Versailles, where the championship has always been held so far, is purely inland, of course, and it has strong peculiarities. It is not really any the better for so much of it working up and down and round about the slopes of that very steep hill, and Mr. Blackwell and others told me that they felt that two rounds in a day, with so much hill-climbing to be done, made a very exhausting task; but still, and despite the fact that it is short of quite a large number of pot-bunkers to tickle up players who do not go the right way about getting to the hole, it is a very good test. Indeed, some of the twisted sort of holes that have to be played along the slope, and not up or down it, call for very nice and exact play with wooden clubs, and dexterous approaching.

From Paris to La Boulie.

It is natural, in the circumstances, that the question should arise as to whether it would or would not be better to continue to hold the championship on the same course always, or to take others in turn with it; but, on the whole, I think it will be good for it to remain altogether at La Boulie for a little while longer. As it is, I am sure more people would go if they had not a



Winner of the French Amaleur Golf Championship: Lord Charles Hope, Only Brother of the Marquess of Linlithgow.

Lord Charles was born in 1892. In the final of the French Amateur Golf Championship he beat Mr. E. A. Lassen at the 37th hole.

Photograph by Sport and General.

competitors, and the discussions that arose, in consequence, upon the ethics of excessive practice swinging, and the like. Then there was the defeat of Mr. Hilton by one of these Americans in the first round; and there can be no doubt that that defeat was to some extent due to the irritation caused by the slow tactics of the opponent. And there was the most remarkable final between Lord Charles Hope and Mr. Lassen, when the former won at the thirty-seventh hole, after looking an easy winner at the interval, and a very likely loser four holes from home. Lord Charles has brought his game up to a very fine standard of excellence, and if his constitution proves strong enough, much more will be heard of him in the future in connection with championships. I was a little disappointed with the French entry, and what became of it; but France has some exceedingly good young players coming on. Although they did not get very far in this tournament, M. André Vagliano and M. E. Senn are greatly improved players, and both are very young. As a final note, let it be said that all the caddies at La Boulie are now housed and trained under a semi-military sort of system, and are attired for their duty in Boy Scout uniform. I like this better than the rags that are so often on the backs of the little beggars who carry our clubs at home: and undoubtedly, I venture to think, it would add a feeling of esprit-de-corps—self-respect among the boys. HENRY LEACH.

A COUPLE OF OLD FAVOURITES, AND A NEW FORM OF VAUDEVILLE.

SEEING the name of Miss Marie Dainton on the bills, I went into the early house at the Holborn Empire the other evening, to discover in what sort of an entertainment this talented lady was disporting herself, and I found that she remained still faithful to

the art of mimicry. This is a branch of entertainment on which many embark successfully with but the most exiguous qualifications. Great is the faith of your music-hall audience, and when someone, greatly daring, comes on the stage and announces "a few imitations," it settles itself happily down to see something really clever. The fact that it has never set eyes upon some of the distinguished actors and actresses who are burlesqued materially assists the illusion, and it takes everything for granted in the most comforting fashion. I have seen representations of Sir Charles Wyndham, Sir George Alexander, and other histrions of light and leading which bore not the slightest resemblance to the great originals, but which were acclaimed as masterpieces of mimetic achievement. Miss Dainton, however, is not one of those who take a mean advantage of their audience's blissful ignorance. She possesses the knack of reproducing not only the exact tones of her victims' voices, but also their little personal characteristics. She can bring before your mind's eye Miss Marie Lloyd's teeth as vividly as she can convey an impression of George Formby's feet; and when she is imitating Mrs. Patrick Campbell's declamation of the famous speech in "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray," you can shut your eyes and imagine that you are listening to Mrs. Campbell



MLLE. PAULE MORLY, OF THE PARISIAN VARIETY THEATRES, WHO APPEARS WITH M. CHARLES PRINCE ("WIFFLES") IN "8D. A MILE," AT THE ALHAMBRA.

herself. Her imitations of Miss Connie Ediss, Miss Vesta Tilley, and Miss Gertie Millar are equally good, but perhaps the most subtle of her travesties is that of Miss Evie Greene singing "The Rosary." Here, however, the satire is so delicate and the art-criticism so neat that her hearers do not nearly appreciate how clever a piece of work it is. I am glad I went in to see Miss Dainton.

A Versatile Comedian.

On the following evening I

discovered another favourite of long standing enjoying himself, and making the Coliseum audience enjoy itself. Mr. George Mozart is also a mimic, but he is rather a mimic of types than of personalities. In his present entertainment he brings to notice the irresistible effect of a marching brass band upon an impressionable public. A band plays off," and immediately everybody within earshot starts to keep time to it, and Mr. Mozart shows us how they do it. Hastily assuming disguises, he indicates how rich and poor, and old and young come unanimously under the spellthe street urchin, the American and German visitor; the upto-date young lady with the cramped skirt, and - best, perhaps, of all—the ancient curmudgeon who, angrily refusing to be led away, at length, "Whispering I will

ne'er consent,' consented." Mr. Mozart then branches off into other matters, and evolves a lot of comic business from a collaboration with the town band, switching off to a burlesque scene in which a father turns his graceless son out of the house, indicating

therein the difference of procedure between the methods adopted on the stage and those which obtain in real life. He then borrows a fiddle-bow from a member of the orchestra and introduces his Viennese Ladies' Band, with whose assistance he makes very merry indeed, and keeps the house hugely entertained. It is all capital clowning, and is carried through with unflagging spirit. from his powers of fun-making, the comedian shows a great command over musical instruments. At one moment he is playing the bugle with all the vigour and accuracy of a Boy Scout; at the next he is carrying on an animated and quite articulate conversation on the clarionet; and, later, he is giving an excellent rendering of the "Cavalleria Rusticana" Intermezzo on the violin. Here is laughter and to spare for those who are not too blasé to let themselves go.

At the Oxford. The principal item in the Oxford programme is called "Step This Way," and is further described as "a new vaudeville idea." In some respects it resembles the prevalent revue. Entries are made along the fashionable gangway, and people are imported from the stalls to bear their share of the performance on the stage; while the impossibility of discerning any cohesive plot is another point

of resemblance. Yet, in view of the absence of topical allusion, it can hardly be called a revue. One of its outstanding features is the multiplicity of pianos employed. There are pianos all over the place, and at these most of the members of the company seat themselves in turn and discourse all sorts of music, from operatic to rag-time. You never know what is going to happen next. Now we have a determined tenor survey "Pagliacci"; now a lady in red, with fluffy hair, is singing rag-time from the centre of the stalls; and the next minute the entire company is humming "Les Contes d'Hoffmann." A coster vocalises from the gallery; there is a storm; an extract from " Aïda " is given, and under the influence of violin-playing a lady in green grows frightfully snaky. The whole thing is a strange medley, and ultimately is brought to an orthodox close by a procession down the gangway and a distribution of flowers amongst the audience. Everybody works very hard, and the artists concerned are, without exception, well equipped for their tasks. The vocalists can all sing, and every member of the troupe seems to be prepared at a moment's notice to sit down at one or other of the pianos and render a good account of himself, or herself, as the case

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may be.



THE LIVING "WIFFLES" AT THE ALHAMBRA, M. CHARLES PRINCE, WHO IS APPEARING IN "8D. A MILE."

and, as he emerges from under it, is seen as a character in the picture. M. Prince gained the first prize for comedy af the Paris Conservatoire, and for several seasons was at the Odéon; then for ten years he played leading comedy parts at the Théâtre des Variétés. More recently he has appeared in revues and musical comedies, and, as we have already remarked, for many a cinematograph picture.



THE LIVING "WIFFLES" AT THE ALHAMBRA: M. CHARLES PRINCE, WHO IS APPEARING IN "8D. A MILE."

M. Charles Prince, so well known to the patrons of picture palaces in many countries as "Wiffles," the chief figure in many comic living pictures, is now appearing in "8d. a Mile," at the Alhambra, in a sketch which shows him not only by cinematograph but in the flesh. At one point, indeed, the living Wiffles crawls under the cinematograph screen



WHAT OVERSIZES MEAN: A GOOD THING AND OUR OWN: STANDARDISED RIMS: TYRES TO GET CHEAPER.

Oversizes.

I have just received an illustrated circular showing in a clear and comprehensive manner the sections of the Continental "oversize"

tyres, to the happy introduction of which I lately referred. They will assuredly receive a warm welcome from the numerous car-owners who desire increased comfort and smoothness of running by being able to fit larger tyres without going to the expense or incon-

venience and delay of rebuild-ing their wheels. The Continental Tyre Company have introduced 125 mm. tyres to fit 105 mm. rims, and 138 mm. tyres to fit 120 mm. rims. Now it is well known that ten per cent. added to the air-capacity of any tyre increases its mileage life by something round twentyfive per cent. The larger the tyre, the better able it is to sustain satisfactorily the heavy weights of cars carrying cumbersome enclosed bodies; while, with high-speed vehicles, the bigger tyres give better traction and easier driving. Another point which makes for the increased durability of the larger tyre is the fact that the internal pressure may be reduced with the same load.

circulation, ignition system, exhaust piping, and dynamo meter brake. Maybe the Little Englander will chew hard on this!

The Regularisation on the part of tyres is as welcome as flowers of Rims. in May, and rim-standardisation-which, after

much toil and trouble, has been brought to a head by the Tyre Committee of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and



MO-HOCK! A COLLISION JUST AVOIDED.

Hockey-mo—why not Mo-hock?—was introduced at the Essex Motor Club's Gymkkana at King's Oak, High Beach, the other day. Only motor-cyclists took part. A ball is provided for each player and is set in front of him (or of her, as the case may be). Then, at a signal, the motor-cyclists start, each driving a ball forward until it has passed through a goal about a hundred yards away. The player whose ball is first through the goal wins.

Photograph oy Partridge

Something Good Out of Britain.

The superiority of all things American over things English is so frequently and so persistently drummed into our ears by the Little

Englander, whose ravishing joy it is to belittle his own country and all that it produces, that I am fain to call attention to a modest

advertisement of the Daimler Company, which most appositely points a moral and adorns a tale. Four years ago, two Daimler sleevevalve engines were submitted to a towelling bench-andtrack test, in which they established a world's record and won the Dewar Trophy. Just lately, a leading American poppet-valve engine was submitted to a somewhat similar test, and the Daimler Company correlate the results, as follows: Poppet-valve engine, 38-h.p. (R.A.C); sleeve-valve Daimler, 38-h.p. (R.A.C.). Power developed poppet, average, 35.7-h.p.; maximum, 44.9-h.p.; lowest, 28.7-h.p. Sleeve-valve, similarly, 54 3-h.p., 58-h.p., and 51-h.p. Duration of test—poppet, 300 hours; sleevevalve, 132 hours' bench test, 2000 miles on Brooklands, and final 5 hours' bench test. Petrol consumption per 13-h.p. — poppet, '81 lb.; sleeve-valve, '61 lb. Temperature of water at inlet, 125 deg. Fahr.; sleeve-valve, Condi-122 deg. Fahr.

tion—poppet not examined, smoky exhaust, carbon on exhaust-valves; sleeve-valve, completely dismantled, no perceptible wear on any of the fitted surfaces, cylinder and pistons notably clean, ports of valves showed no burning or Adjustments—poppet: two valve-adjustments, valve-covers tightened; sleeve-valve: no stoppages caused by any failures other than those coming under the headings of petrol-supply, water

better, but, as a result of being properly held and based in the rim, wear, it cannot be doubted, much longer.

Rubber Falls—Tyres Down. It is joyfully evident that at last we are entering upon an era of cheaper tyres; and, by the mark, pondering the prices of the

Traders-must make for much

amendment herein. It is well

known that to give a dog a

bad name is to hang him in

advance, and in cases of diffi-

cult attachment, or blowing-

out, and so on, it is the tyre

that has always been blamed.

But the careful research of the Tyre Committee has shown

that rims are just as often, if

not oftener, in fault, in this particular. Rims that were presumed to be accurate copies

of others adopted as standard

were found to be millimetres

out in all directions. Now that

all rims are to be standardised, tyres will, as I have suggested,

not only attach and detach

past few years, the time is more than ripe for a change. Tyre-cost has been much of a brake upon the progress of automobilism; the heavy outlay necessary has scared off from the purchase of a car many who have to consider ways and means. But, glory be to it; tyrelists showing substantial reductions come showering in by every post, and this is due to the fact that the price of rubber falls, and is still falling. Alack! what is one man's meat is another man's poison; and what herein is joy to the motorist is dour news to the rubber shareholder. But, after all, he has had a very good innings, and if he did not make hay while the sun was a-shining, then, faith, he must not blame the motorist. But it really looks as if rubber would presently be offered on the market at 2s. 6d. per pound - a truly wonderful thing, when not TOR AT PRESTON.

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SHOWING THEIR MAJESTIES' CAR FLYING A ROYAL STANDARD AND HAVING A SHIELD OF THE ROYAL ARMS IN FRONT OF IT: THE KING AND QUEEN ENTERING THEIR MOTOR AT PRESTON.

Photograph by Newspaper Illusira's

gether, but there is consolation for us all in the reflection that tyre-manufacturers will be able to use much more and the best of the plastic juice, and while the best rubber, and plenty of it, is at the bottom of tyre durability, the motorist will be served.



Is an environment infectious? Mrs. Charles Lewis Hind's lovely house in Henrietta Street looks right down Bond Street, the region of picture-galleries, and last week Mrs. Hind invited her friends, and theirs, to an exhibition of water-colours arranged in her own drawing-room. The effect was charming, not only because one had to look for the water-colours between exquisite mirrors and embroideries, but because the drawings themselves were astonishingly beautiful. They were all the work of Hercules



THE WEDDING OF MR. WILLIAM DUDLEY WARD, M.P., AND MISS WINIFRED BIRKIN: THE BRIDE AND BRIDEGROOM LEAVING THE CHURCH AFTER THE CEREMONY.

Brabazon Brabazon. a painter whose present fame, though posthumous, rejoices Mr. Sargent and other early admirers. And they were small, small enough to be pleasant to have in a room. Brabazon's plea, made in old days to a critic who said they were too small, was that two handfuls of beauty should be enough at one time for the human eye.

Between the Devil and the Green Bottle.

The ladies who restrained themselves at the opening of Bedford College, and whose Suffrage sympathies are expressed in quiet, academic terms at luncheon-parties, have to use other methods in the Park. It does not follow that she who leaves repartee to the professional

wits when she dines out is necessarily at a loss on the platform. A married woman, in answer to cries of "Go home and mind the baby," was explaining to an open-air audience that, having done her work as a mother and brought up her daughters, she found herself still keen to play a part in the





ENGAGED: MISS BERTHA FRANCES PAGET AND MAJOR G. JASPER FARMAR.

Miss Paget is the only child of the late Major-General W. H. Paget, 25th (late 5th)
Punjaub Cavalry, and of Mrs. Paget, of 2, Ashley Place. Major Farmar, of the
Worcestershire Regiment, is D.A.G. and Q.M.G. of the 3rd Division Southern
Command, the son of the late Major-General W. R. Farmar and of Mrs. Farmar,
of Bedford House, Southampton.—[Photographs by Thomson.]

world and be useful outside her home. "Then if I was your husband, I'd give yer poison," said an exasperated listener. "And if I were your wife," she answered. looking hard at the man, "I'd take it."

Eton v. Harrow. The Lords match and a dance in Bryanston Square did not complete the London recreations of Harrow's old boys. Like the Etonian, the Harrow man loves to honour his old Head, whatever aches may have been experienced





WIFE OF THE EARL OF DURHAM'S FOURTH BROTHER: THE HON.

MRS. GEORGE LAMBTON.

ENGAGED TO MR. BERNARD L.
P. CAILLARD: MISS HYLDA
PATON.

Before her marriage, which took place in 1908, Mrs. Lambton was known as Miss Cecily Horner, daughter of Sir John Francis Fortescue Horner, of Mells Park, Frome, and 10, Great Cumberland Place.—Miss Paton is the daughter of the late Colonel B. Paton, of the Lincolnshire Regiment, and of Mrs. Blagrove Paton, of Hyde Park Terrace. Mr. Bernard Caillard is the only son of Sir Vincent and Lady Caillard.—[Photographs by Lallie Charles and Swaine.]

on his account, and a very successful dinner was given last week to Dr. Butler. A handshake and a jest or two in the speeches are enough to allay the ancient smart. One Etonian, however, goes farther; it is Mr. Harold Gorst, who declares that the birch was the only advantage of his whole schooling. "I freely forgive," he says, "my Eton education for all the harm it did me in view of the blessings derived from ten excruciating interviews with the headmaster." Even Mr. Churchill can boast no more; and the bravest Harrovian

hardly go farther, short of kissing the Doctor as well as the rod.

The Careless Countesses.

Lady Salisbury has been one of the losers; her purse and its gold chain had vanished when she returned to Arlington Street last Wednesday after a round of calls. Having lost her purse, she knew not where, she decided to offer a reward; but in cases in which valuables have been dropped in a ballroom or presumably among people not in need of a fivepound note, a simple appeal for their return would seem to be sufficient. Such was the method used by another luckless Countess. Her gratitude, she advertised,



LEAVING THE WARD - BIRKIN WEDDING AT ST. MARGARET'S, WESTMINSTER: MRS. AVERY.

Photograph by C.N.

would go to the finder of her purse, who promptly called—and got it. Nor is there any reward offered in the case of Miss Wingfield's black satin cloak, although "the lady who took it by mistake from Osterley Park last Saturday" is asked kindly to return it to 18, Hans Place.



BY ELLA HEPWORTH DIXON.

When happier and more reasonable times come, Suffragettes and when the turmoil and pother of the franchise Secret Service. question is over and women are quietly pursuing what Lord Hugh Cecil calls the "eminently ladylike occupation of placing a cross on a piece of paper and dropping it into a box," then we may begin to think how we shall utilise the talent and the energy which is being expended on the "Cause." For it is obvious that it ought to be used in public work of some description. Feminine policemen are being urgently called for to deal with certain classes of crime, so that it is possible that the more enterprising of the Militant Suffragettes might ultimately find employment in our Secret Service or the Intelligence Department of the War Office. Here they would be able to make use of their talents for organisation, successful planning, secrecy, audacity, and high courage. However much some of us may deplore the manifestations of the extreme

Left of the party, no one can deny their undying spirit and their enterprise. The late Emily Davison, in war time, would have been the leader of a forlorn hope; she would have undertaken desperate adventures demanding the highest courage, coolness, and determination. At present, our military spies are much too apt to get caughtpartly, no doubt, because it is more difficult for a man to disguise himself completely than for a woman. These young girls, who can make their escape from watched premises dressed as messenger boys and what not, would be invaluable in times of invasion or in a Continental war.

A Dancing Epidemic.

Everybody dances this season, or, if they do not actively perform the two-step and the Tango in the ballroom, they appear

at the scene of revelry and uphold the dancers by their curiosity and their approval. Honest citizens and what Stevenson used to call "respectable married people with umbrellas" now hasten to balls who, a few years ago, could not have been dragged to such festivities by the proverbial wild horses. As a matter of fact, balls had become a trifle dull and more than a little monotonous, so much so that our high-spirited Youth-gilded or not—could hardly be bribed to go; while rows of pretty wall-flowers wilted for want of partners. All that is changed, for the modern boy is quite as keen about performing these intricate dances as the modern girl. He is becoming almost as serious about his dancing as he is about his games. The very fact that some of these new-fangled dances are viewed askance and are even tabooed by certain hostesses seems to lend to them a mysterious fascination. One hears of boy-and-girl dinners got up expressly that these mystic rites may be indulged in by the young folk in secret afterwards. With all this enthusiasm one may look for the cult to spread; and probably, a year or so hence, the Tango will be looked upon in the same light as the dowdy Victorian mazurka.

Mothers and Their Boys.

Women are nowadays considered so broadminded and capable that every kind of responsibility is cheerfully heaped upon their shoulders, and especially that of the ethical education of their sons. Yet, surely, in this delicate and difficult matter, the father might take the leading part, were it not that the Anglo-Saxon youth is notoriously restive under paternal advice. He is especially averse to anything which resembles what he calls "pi-jaw." Nor would he, I take it, accept with equanimity lessons on this subject from his mother. Unlike the young Frenchman, he is not on specially intimate terms with his maternal parent. Matters so closely concerning himself could not be discussed without embarrassment and self-consciousness. Nor would any other female relative, in these islands, be available for the purpose of instruction. Grandmothers, in popular

estimation, are ridiculous in England, though these ladies are regarded quite differently in France or in China, where age is "respectable" instead of being a subject for jeers. Aunts, also, are absurd in England, where the only aunt on record who was adored by all her nephews and nieces was Jane Austen. It is certain that mothers can do wonders in teaching politeness. consideration, and chivalry to their little sons, but I fancy the adolescent youth should. tackled by the father rather than the mother, on whom too many responsibilities are now being heaped.

Where Women are Leading.

Wondered at that women have taken up "flying," and have instituted a Patriotic Aerial League of their own which is doing signal service. It rained consumedly on

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SIMPLE AND BECOMING HATS: MODES FOR JULY.

The bat on the left is made of a light straw, simply trimmed with black-velvet ribbon and bunches of fruit. In the centre is shown a Marquis hat in white moire, lined with black velvet. The third hat is a small cloche shape of white Tagal, with a drapery round it of black tulle tied in front in a large bow resembling the sails of a windmill.

the Ladies' Day at Hendon, yet nothing seemed to damp the ardour of the almost wholly feminine crowd, among which wandered beautiful creatures dressed in red, white, and blue, selling badges and getting new recruits for the Society. Many of the onlookers showed an extraordinary knowledge of the mechanics of aviation and a nice judgment of the competitors. I should not be surprised if the navigation of the air were to become as popular - if not more - among the women of the upper classes as yachting is at the present day. Plenty of women went for passenger flights, and Miss Trehawke Davies made her usual sensational ascent of some six thousand feet above For sheer beauty, the monoplane — particularly Mother Earth. the shining white one of Mr. Gustave Hamel-is easily first, and high up in the air, these machines have the appearance of a huge dragon-fly. The bi-plane always has the look of a rather clumsy Chinese kite, but I daresay these box-like "flyers" as dear to their pilots as the more beautiful monoplanes. The new science is not only fascinating in itself, but of amazing importance, and the women of the Aerial League are doing yeoman's work in furthering its growth.

CITY NOTES.

"SKETCH" CITY OFFICES, 5, QUEEN VICTORIA STREET, E.C.

The Next Settlement begins on July 29.

LAST WEEK.

ARDLY was the ink dry upon our last week's Notes when the news came that the strike of the white miners on the Rand had been settled. Probably working costs will be considerably increased thereby, which is unfortunate for share-holders in the mines; but the removal of any fears of serious shortage in the gold shipments came as a great relief to the markets in general.

A poor showing, however, was made last week in nearly every department. How the yarn about Canadian Pacifics increasing their capital came to be circulated we do not know, and how anyone believed it we can understand still less! It is, of course, all nonsense, and yet the shares were below 215 at one time, and the tendency has been weak all through.

Foreign Railways have been among the weakest sections in the House. There seems little prospect of an improvement at present in any of the Mexican lines, and the Argentine group have suffered from the announcement that the Buenos Ayres Great Southern have decided to increase their capital by £5,000,000, and to issue about half almost immediately.

The failure of the first and second Pittsburgh National Bank, and the appointment of a receiver for the American Water Works and Guarantee Company have, apparently, created little interest on this side of the Atlantic, and yet the matter is sufficiently serious. Should the receivership turn out to be other than the protective measure which it is now declared to be, shareholders in other public utility companies in the United States will begin to get restive.

The wholly unexpected reduction in the Linggi dividend for the first quarter of the current year was another nasty jar for the Rubbershare Market. Unless there is some improvement in the price of the raw article before long, we fear there are some more shocks of a

similar nature in store for it.

HOME RAILS.

How much information are the directors of the different Companies going to divulge to the proprietors? That is the question which is interesting everyone at the moment. Until this year, more or less detailed Reports have been issued, but, under the Railway Accounts Act, 1911, the half-yearly accounts and meetings are no longer obligatory.

It is certain that shareholders will have to be satisfied with much less information than that to which they have been accustomed; but it is to be sincerely hoped that something more than the bare dividend announcement will be vouchsafed to them. The question of working costs is of such vital importance at the present time, owing to higher costs of fuel, materials, and labour, that without some enlightenment in this direction it is impossible to form any sensible estimate of net figures.

The gross traffics for the complete half-year were splendid: the increases amounting to two, three, and even ten times the decreases experienced during the corresponding period last year, and after making the fullest allowance for increased working expenses, the Railways have clearly had a very prosperous time.

The directors will doubtless conserve a very large part of the gains until the end of the year; but the dividends, in our opinion, cannot be other than satisfactory, and we repeat our oft-expressed opinion that many of the stocks are highly attractive. Not, be it understood, for speculation, which would be most unwise under present conditions, but for investment proper.

INVESTMENT TRUST COMPANIES.

In the early part of this year we referred on several occasions to the undoubted attractions of this group of securities, and we think those of our readers who followed our advice have every reason to congratulate themselves. The first six months of this year have been troublous times indeed for the stock markets, and we do not believe any other group of securities can make so good a showing.

Prices, in some cases, it is true, are lower than at the end of 1912, but the falls are very small when compared with those experienced in other directions, and in many cases the stocks stand higher than when we referred to them.

The following table may be of interest, comprising as it does all Companies in this group to which we referred during January-

	End of 1912.	Highest in	Price Now.
Foreign and Colonial Investment Trust	1411	152	142
Government Stock and Other Securities	118	1231	117
Investment Trust	2211	. 237.	2122
Metropolitan Trust Ordinary	2332	239	229
Omnium	1081	113	100
River Plate and General Investment -	187	210	1921
Scottish Investment Trust	1031	115	109
Rock Investment Preference	87	93 👈	91

The stock referred to is the Deferred, except where otherwise stated.

Nothing that has occurred during the last six months has in any way altered our opinion that the junior issues of these Companies are highly desirable investments. Of course, the market value of many of their holdings is decidedly lower than at the beginning of the year, and it is certain that the profit on realisation of securities will be lower than usual.

On the other hand, the directors have facilities, which are not enjoyed by the ordinary investor, for acquiring stock whenever they may consider it expedient, and they have had, and still have. opportunities in this direction which do not often occur. Therefore, we think that the next balance-sheets will show excellent revenue results, which will more than compensate for any depreciation of

While the outlook for the markets is still rather uncertain, those with money to invest can hardly do better than take an interest in this group.

Notes and Jottings.

The Report of the Rubber Share Trust and Finance Company reveals a curious state of affairs. The auditors state the Company's investments, which stand in the books at £260,000, have depreciated by no less than £64,400. An examination of the balance-sheet shows that, at the date of the Report, the Company's liabilities exceeded their assets by something like £70,000. In the face of this, the directors propose to pay a dividend of 6 per cent. Like the supposed ways of Providence, it passeth all understanding!

The directors of the United Alkali Company have decided to write down the Ordinary capital without calling for any sacrifice from the holders of the Preference shares. In cases of this sort it has become a very general practice to ignore the claims of the Preference shareholders to a large extent, and to make them share the loss. The Ordinary shares alone reap the benefit of the Company's prosperity, and it is but just that they alone should bear the burden of adversity.

The shareholders last week sanctioned the scheme whereby the capital of Lever Bros. is to be increased from £20,000,000 to £30,000,000. No details were given as to how the money will be spent, but presumably, it will be in freeing this gigantic undertaking from the fluctuations in the markets of its raw articles. Nothing was said as to when the issue will be made.

IN A BROKER'S OFFICE.

I wandered into the Broker's office without the slightest intention of doing any business, and although I didn't tell him so, he probably guessed it. Nevertheless, he shook me by the hand, and led me gracefully to a large and comfortable chair. From this, however, gentle reader, you must not imagine that the office is anything like the one frequented on occasions by "Our Stroller," where the lampshades tone with the broker's waistcoat, and the roses (not necessarily of the:"D.M." variety) with his socks!

In fact, it is a very businesslike office, the chief ornaments—after, of course, my friend himself-consisting of a roll-top desk, a tele-

phone, and a pile of books of reference.

"What do you make of things in general?" he politely inquired.
"To get your opinion on that point," I explained, "is exactly what I came for. Are you busy?"

"We're busy to-day, and we were the day before, but some days we hardly deal at all. Business is patchy."

"Small investment orders?"

"Of course; speculation doesn't exist, and we all discourage it."

I suppose he saw the query in my face, because he went on: "Things are still very dangerous, and if a client wanted to have a dash we should try and put him off-you see, he'd probably lose his money, and then he'd be worth so much the less to us.'

The point was clear, so I inquired after the health of new

"There's something to be done in that direction," he replied; "and I've got several of my people to exchange into some of the new things, but there's always a loss in selling their holdings, and most of 'em don't like to face it."

In detailing the ornaments of the office a few lines back, I forgot to mention a complicated and infernal contraption which stands just outside the door-the tape-machine, to wit. The Broker didn't seem to notice the clatter, but after I'd made him repeat four remarks on end he perceived the root of my troubles, and by means of closing doors and other devices he reduced the noise to reasonable dimensions—when I say reasonable dimensions, I mean something like the Waterloo and City Tube when the carriages are half-

Then he continued: "Take the new Argentine Estates of Bovril Debentures; they yield more than Bovril Prefs., and the guarantee ranks in front of the Pref. dividend. A wise man sells the one and buys the other."

"A friend of mine," I said, "has got some Consols—"Lucky beggar!"

"He doesn't think so, I promise you. He 's always making up his mind to sell them; but when they jump an eighth he thinks they 're going better, and hangs on."
"Why not sell and buy Irish Land stock with the money? Same

security, stands two points lower, and yields five bob a year more."

"Where's the fly?"

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OMAN-ABOUT-TOWN

Marvellous were the gems I saw at the Rich and Rare. Association of Diamond Merchants, Jewellers, and Silversmiths, Ltd., Trafalgar Square. Aladdin's Cave was a mere joke in comparison with the many and magnificent jewels, especially pearls, shown to me: lovely gems in ropes and neck laces, and loose pearls for matching and strengthening the necklace of clients. The firm, I had been told, have large consignments from India, and do a great business in the East. It supplied to the order of the Queen of Siam a pearl rope worth £10,000, which was, it will be remembered, lost in transit, and the thief was sought for diligently, and not discovered for three-and-a-half years. There are pearl necklaces from £50 up to £10,000, and ropes from £200 up to £20,000; and, in addition, an enormous stock of diamonds, diamond work, and fine jewellery of every description. Most of their stones are, I hear, bought in the rough, and are cut and mounted in platinum by their own work-people, in recherché designs by their own French artists. There were also beautiful pieces of second-hand jewellery, taken in exchange, and sold at prices very advantageous to customers, who can arrange to have their ornaments by making payments at certain periods, losing only the five per cent. discount allowed by the firm for cash payments. These jewels are well worth seeing; if that is impossible, the illustrated catalogue will be sent post free on application to 6, Grand Hotel Buildings, Trafalgar Square.

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As we seek inspiration for our gowns from Paris, so we do for our shoes and boots. is not to be wondered at when we see and handle the elegant, light, beautifully modelled shoes of the Raoul Shoc Company in their Regent Street show-rooms.



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be worse for them. The Maison Barri, 72, Baker Street, make a specialty of corsets and dresses for ladies who are for the time being under medical or surgical supervision. They are of the most styleful, and are so made that the figure looks as usual. Mme. Barri is a





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Mr. Campbell, of H.M.S. "Weymouth," is the eldest son of the late Sir George Campbell, K.C.M.G., and of Lady Campbell, of 35, Wellington Square, Chelsea. Miss Spens is the younger daughter of Mr. Reginald Hope Spens, of Ashdown, Walton-on-Thames. — Miss Jones is the elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Jones, of Hoddesdon, Herts. Mr. Taylor is the younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Taylor, of Hoddesdon.-[Photographs by Swaine.]

distinctive and attractive in a very special way, and are of colours and designs matching any gown: whether an evening-shoe of fairylike

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daintiness, such as the "Cothurne," which is which is laced with silk on quite original and artistic lines, or a smart walking-shoe in suède or patent-leather, the same inimitable style is at once apparent. It will therefore be good news that from July 14 to Aug. 2 a sale will be held, during which all the new models of the season will be offered at considerably reduced prices. A sale catalogue is issued, and, as a postcard to Raoul Shoe Company, 195, Regent Street, will obtain it, it is well to send one without delay.

The Latest Styles and the Greatest tem-Comfort. arily, from one cause or another, lose their elegant outline, they are inclined to feel very badly about it, and to mope and exclude themselves from the pleasures of social life, than which nothing could

past-mistress in her art, and turns her clients out charmingly. The corsets are made for different kinds of figure, and are of the finest silken tricot and elastic, with singularly pliable bones. The dresses are in all the newest fabrics, and of the very latest fashion. A black gown of fine net, the deep hem of both skirt and tunic studded with jet, and the deep basque, slightly pleated and half-a-yard deep, is entirely of jetted bead-work; while the bodice is very dainty, of black net outlined with jet over white net and lace. This is one chosen from a great variety of these graceful gowns. Coats and skirts are also very elegant and beautifully studied. One in natural Shantung trimmed with black, and having lace over the black, the same tone as the dress, is charming; there are, of course, dozens of others. So, also, is a soft satin in a curious, very smart tone of The layettes for long-clothes and short-clothes babies are of fairylike daintiness and beauty, and are all hand-made, with the exception of the cheaper flannels. They are embroidered and laceinserted in the most beautiful designs suited for little people, themselves so dainty and so sweet.

I imagine that this season of grace will live The Snappy in our memories as one of snaps-cold snaps, Season. warm snaps, lively snaps, dull snaps, gay snaps, dowdy snaps, exhilarating snaps, depressing snaps—many phases and none of them lasting. There are dances and balls, but many are dull, and men will not go to them all; some are deserted by the, numerically, inferior sex, except at supper-time. Ascot was brilliant-no end of money was spent on it; but every charity fête and sale has been financially only a degree or so above failure. I have seen London seasons-more of them than I care to reckonbut never one like this. There were days in June, and now in July, when the aspect of the West End was as if it were the middle of August; other days, for no ostensible reason, when it was smart and gay and lively. No one seems to know the reason: some say, motor-cars; others a jumpy Stock Exchange; others decadence of the race—there are dozens of theories advanced. I imagine a hotch-potch of them all may be somewhere near the truth.

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"What fly?" he naïvely inquired, and got quite huffy when I explained I was only referring to the one in the ointment. I really

wasn't trying to make him look silly.

"It's absolutely right," he said crossly; "everybody's doing it; and if Consols go up, the other will go up too, and so there's no

risk of heart-burnings afterwards.'

At this moment a clerk announced that someone was waiting, and as I felt he might be a real, genuine client (with business) I bade my friend a reluctant farewell, and, just to keep him from being down-hearted, promised to come and worry him another day.

A PROSPEROUS RAILWAY.

So many stocks have suffered severe falls during the times of depression through which markets have been passing of late that it seems invidious to single out any particular one and to dilate upon its cheapness, but in the case of the Ordinary stock of the San Paulo (Brazilian) Railway Company the attraction appears exceptional.

This Company has an Ordinary capital of £3,000,000, and the reserve fund amounts to over £2,000,000, which is invested in gilt-

Last year, after paying interest upon the various Debentures and the Preference stock, and allowing for depreciation, there remained a net revenue of £642,500. To pay the dividend of 14 per cent. on

the Ordinary stock, only £420,000 is required.

The position thus revealed is excellent, and, in addition, the amount expended upon renewals and upkeep of the line and rolling stock of late years has been enormous, and has been practically all charged against earnings, although, as the Chairman admitted at the last meeting, a large proportion might reasonably have been charged to capital account. The amount so expended last year was £576,650, or over £5000 for every mile of the Company's track.

Traffics; for the current half-year show an increase of £146,000 over last year's figure. Thus there seems little or no possibility of any reduction in the rate of dividend, and at the present quotation of 230 the yield is over 6 per cent., without allowing for the fact that the dividend is paid free of income-tax, which makes an appreciable difference in these hard times. The stock must surely be worth 250 under normal conditions.

ARGENTINE IRON AND STEEL:

The first Report of the Argentine Iron and Steel Company made its appearance last week, and the results are just about the same as those given in the prospectus; trading profits coming out at £130,400, which enables 9 per cent. to be paid upon both Ordinary and Preference shares. This is certainly satisfactory, and shareholders have every reason to be pleased, especially as the Report goes on to say that their trade continues to expand.

Owing to this latter fact, however, further capital is required to finance the heavy stocks necessary to the business, and it is therefore proposed to raise nearly £450,000 by the issue of £98,700 6 per cent. Debentures, £150,000 Preference shares (which are at the Ordinary against present held in reserve), and also to increase the Ordinary capital by £200,000, of which the chairman and his friends will take £100,000 at par.

This increase, to our minds, seems rather extensive, in view of the fact that the Company was only incorporated last year, and we hope the chairman at the meeting will deal very fully with all the circumstances which have caused the sudden necessity for carrying

stocks so much larger than were foreseen last year.

The iron and steel trade all over the world has been passing through a time of unparalleled prosperity, which must come to an end sooner or later. Some people are fully convinced that the activity is already on the wane. Be that as it may, however, when the time does come, depreciation of stocks will have to be considered, as well as a falling-off in earnings, and therefore we counsel shareholders to note carefully the explanation of the position: if it is satisfactory, well and good; if, on the other hand, there is the slightest doubt in their minds, it might be wise to let others have the benefit of the doubt "-and with it the shares.

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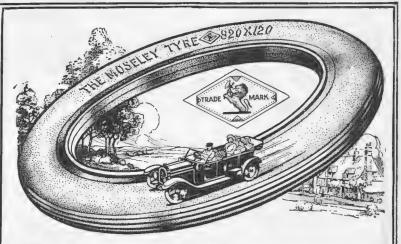
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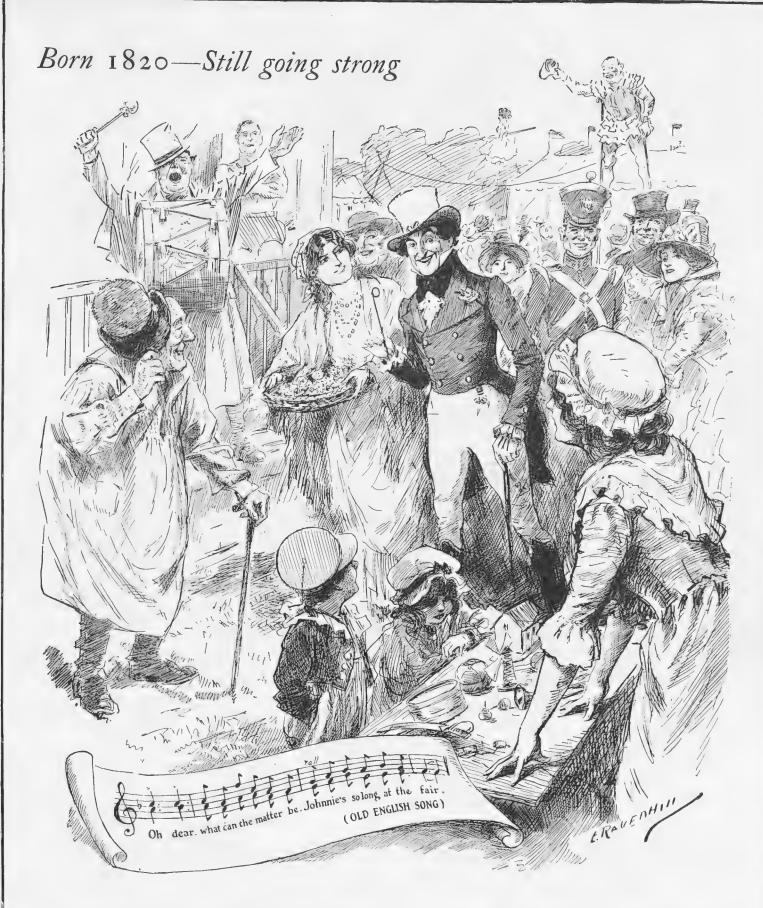
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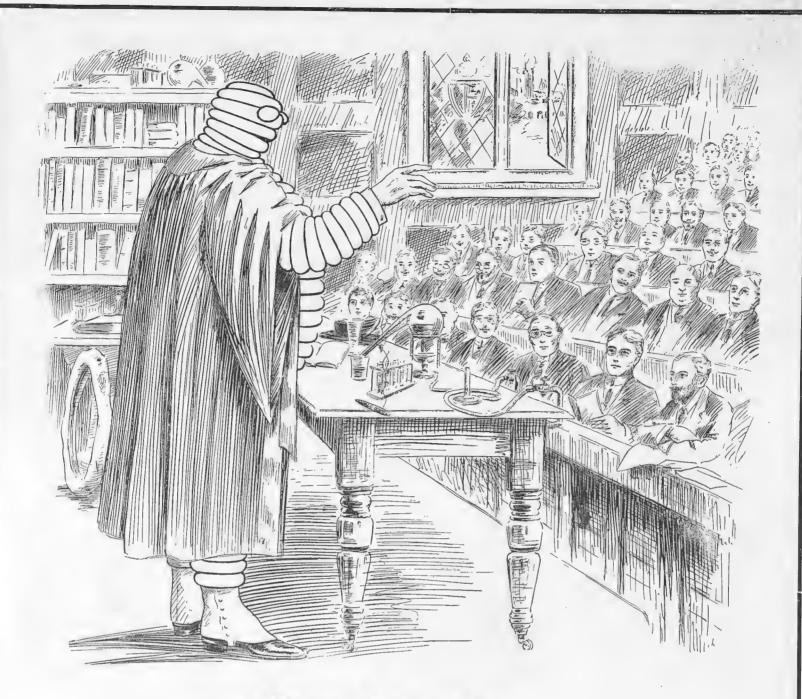
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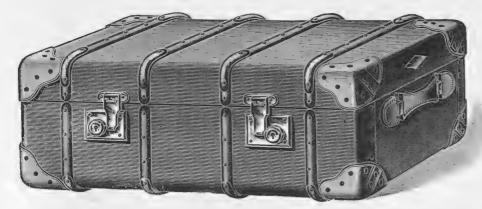


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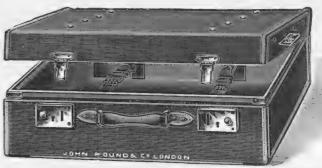
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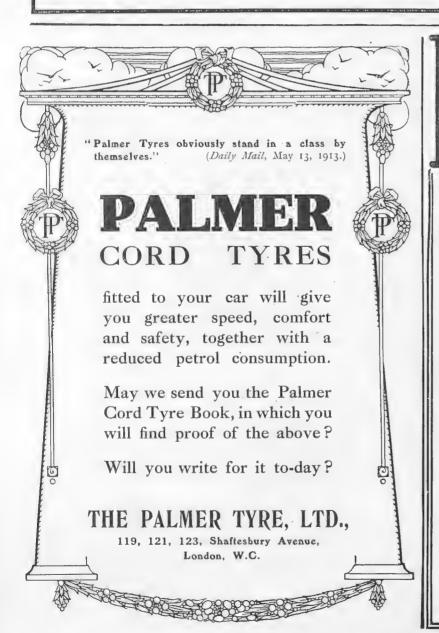


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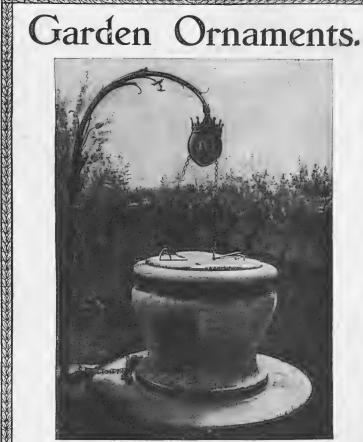
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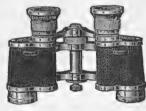
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HERE is, undoubtedly, a considerable difference between the artistic achievement of Moussorgsky and Rimsky-Korsakoff, and though the music of the latter has more polish and makes the readier response to conventional requirements, it falls behind the achievement of the less cultivated but more naturally gifted man who stood in so much need of the help of his friends. Such, at least, is the impression after hearing "Ivan the Terrible," which, it is fair to remember, was Rimsky-Korsakoff's first opera. It is great, it is grim, it relies very happily in parts upon folk-music, it presents stage-pictures of that unconventional kind that holds the eye; but, for all these merits, there is a certain conventionality of which Moussorgsky, at least, is never guilty. Yet, when all its limitations have been set out, "Ivan the Terrible" is a sufficiently striking and attractive opera to provide any season with a sensation, and had it not been for the Moussorgsky operas that preceded it, this work would have been the talk of the town. As it is, one may safely say that it is destined not only to be heard frequently in London, but to create a very distinct interest in the other operatic works of the composer. Of these there are more than half-a-dozen, all unknown to England.

It is not so much the music, though it is beautiful, or the story, though it is intensely dramatic, and provides, in the arrival of the Tsar Ivan at Pskov, the most striking picture that the operatic stage has to offer. It is not the mounting, though this is extremely good, that makes the success of "Ivan the Terrible" so pronounced. It is rather the revelation of a world and a life of which we know nothing, presented by men and women who have not only considerable gifts, but an extraordinary enthusiasm for their art. This enthusiasm infects the audience. For all or most of those who filled Drury Lane Theatre to over-crowding last week, Chaliapine was Ivan the Terrible, and Mile. Brian and M. Paul Andreev were the Maid and the Viceroy of Pskov; they were not mere operatic singers engaged in creating a mild sensation. On this account one regretted the conventional closing scene, which might have come out of "Rigoletto" or "Romeo and Juliet," as far as sincerity goes. It was only at this moment that Rimsky-Korsakoff seemed to adopt convention in place of inspiration. For the purposes of a lasting impression, it would have been many times better for him to have started conventionally. It is a pity that the performances of this opera are limited to two, and that, like "Boris Godounov" and "The Khovanskys," it has been shorn of a scene or more; but it is safe to say that both Moussorgsky and Rimsky-Korsakoff have found an English audience, and that, if their work can be presented in the future as it has been presented at Drury

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Of the ballets there is little to be said. They remain attractive, and are presented with all the old skill and enthusiasm. If they suffer at all, it is by reason of the fact that they cannot make an impression to compare with that of the operas. Moussorgsky and Rimsky-Korsakoff interpreted by M. Chaliapine and his clever compatriots have created such a profound impression that everything else, however good, seems to stand upon a lower plane.

At Covent Garden familiar operas succeed one another in familiar fashion, well sung, well mounted, and well received. Revivals of "Don Giovanni" and of "Rigoletto" are to be noted, and a striking performance of "The Jewels of the Madonna," with Carmen Melis as Maliella is worthy of special attention. Mlle. Melis is as great in this opera as Calvé was in "Carmen." The part is one which only a singer of the Latin race can hope to make fully effective, for it demands an actress who can give us the intense passion of the South, and who can sing without apparent thought for her singing. Mlle. Melis fulfils these requirements, and with Sammarco and Martinelli in the cast, and Signor Zucchi remarkably good in a smaller part, the performance is one of the best we have had this season. Whatever the merits or the limitations of Ferrari's opera, it has at least achieved popularity on a scale that few modern works can rival, and this success is largely due to the extraordinary vitality of the crowds that make up so large a part of the The Italian chorus may be a failure in many operas, but when it has to present a modern Italian crowd, following the normal life of the country, it is at its very best. The passionate vigour of the Neapolitan scenes would make the normal audience enthusiastic, even though Ferrari's music were less tuneful and appropriate, and he is a wise composer who will remember the strength and weakness of the average chorus when he is writing grand opera. You cannot make an imposing or effective nobleman out of the average Italian chorister, you cannot give a really impressive reception to a noble crowd composed of people recruited from the same source, but if you will ask the chorus to be what it really is, and give it the music that makes for enthusiasm, splendid results are to be obtained. There is no reason to doubt that if a Russian chorus were asked to stand for a foreign nobility, it would be no more fortunate than the Italians are in like case. Modern composers are learning to estimate the chorus at its true worth, and to make it effective. The old Italian school degraded it until, at last, it was little better than an object of ridicule. Only when we get an opera like "The Jewels of the Madonna " do we realise how much really a chorus contributes to the enjoyment of the work.



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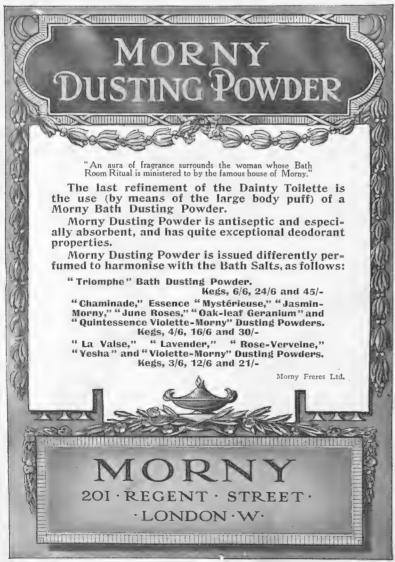
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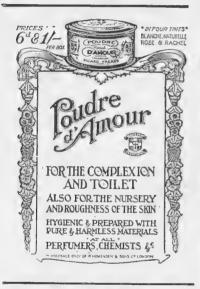
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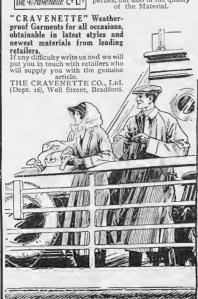
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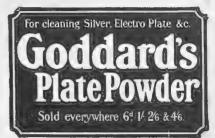
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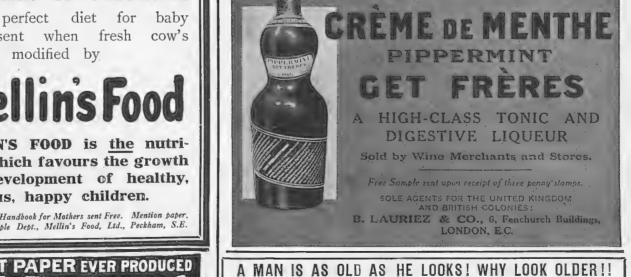
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T the Lyceum "Oliver Twist" has been revived, though it seems but a short time since it last appeared, and again the fury of Bill Sikes and the woes of Oliver and Nancy are delighting crowded houses, which revel in the vigorous acting of Mr.

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which is well worth an occasional revival, and Mr. Harcourt Williams and Miss Leah Bateman Hunter gave us quite an interesting afternoon with it at the Court Theatre last week. It would have been the better for more rehearsal, but these two played Doricourt and Letitia Hardy most skilfully, Mr. Edward Rigby made old Hardy a highly amusing fellow. It is an unsophisticated thing, as comedies were in those days; but it is a model of Georgian rhetorical English, and it has a gentle and engaging wit which makes it very attractive. Some of us remember a dashing performance in the play by Henry Irving.
"The March Hare" has arrived a month before the customary

season of such works, for it is not till August that one expects the unsophisticated farces, contemptuous in their methods or ideas of all the so-called progress in modern drama. After all, farce of this type aims only at laughter, and if it gets it by legitimate means, there is no need to make a fuss because it lacks subtlety and

Henry Lonsdale. Mr. Albert Ward, and Miss Lilian Hallows, in prettiness of Miss Mary Glynne, and in the humours which the Bumble of Mr. J. T. Macmillan provides. This will, no doubt, be the fare at this theatre till the autumn brings its

excitements. Mrs. Hannah Cowley's "The Belle's Stratagem' is a famous old comedy by an eighteenth-century lady dramatist

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modernity. Certainly Mr. Harold Smith's play, unlike most of the recent farces, laughs through the horse-collar, but, fortunately, does not leer through it, and many of the audience seemed really amused, when I was there, by the series of misunderstandings due to the fact that a lady read the pages of a letter in the wrong order, and came to the conclusion, and convinced almost everybody else, that her brother was mad, and that the doctor was a poisoner with homicidal mania. Upon this basis we had a noisy story, with a smashing of crockery that would have made the Baggesens jealous. And the brother—the March Hare—was bound down with ropes

as a raving lunatic; and an interfering curate was carried off part of the way to a madhouse; and the lily-livered big butler got drunk; and almost everybody shouted, and the audience laughed and gave a genuine call for the author. So, if "The March Hare" can live through July it may well enjoy prosperity. There was a most energetic company, and some excellent farcical acting, notably by Miss Fanny Brough, Miss Elizabeth Rosslyn, and Miss Mary Forbes, and Messrs. Spencer Trevor, Stanley Turnbull, J. Brewer, and A. G. Leigh.



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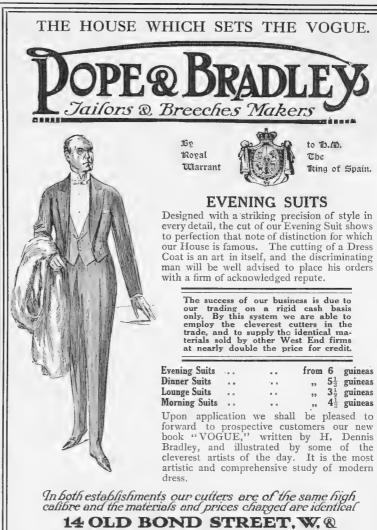
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(Duckworth.) dozen soliloquies, woman reveals herself in various phases, "For you're a quiet little thing," they would say to Iris, or, "You're a Woman alright," or, perhaps, "I feel glad when you come into our awfice. I seem as if I can get talking to Then Iris went home and put down everything they said, and her editor tagged on a little moral explanation, in case the ladies had not made the case sufficiently explicit. There is no denying the entertainment of it; Iris is a good listener, and a humorous one, but one feels that the ensemble is a little hard on the American woman. The greater number who are seeking for happiness, as are the greater number all the world over, lack charm in their methods, and the few with sterner aims in view-business or duty-are not more lovable. There is also a complete lack of dignity with them all—not the dignity of a conscious attitude, but that innate quality which may belong to any human soul. Perhaps it does not grow freely in the West. Towards men, whether they are engaged in weaving attractions for them, or are independent of masculine attention, their tone is monotonously contemptuous. The Bud about to make a successful marriage, which gave her great satisfaction, tells the housemaid, who comes from the telephone charged with a message from her fiancé: "Don't you forget to keep on telling him I'm gawn out," and, turning to her friend—Iris, in fact—"I don't feel as if I could go and talk to him on the 'phone . . . he would want to come up to the house right away. I imagine what he has to say 'll keep.'' "My! a dawg is kind of comforting;" wept a blessed damozel whose profession—the oldest in the world-left her sick and penniless. The adoring wife whose husband insisted on accompanying her on the Paris trip acknowledged to Iris that, of course, Graham was the sweetest thing, "But a man seems to me to be better at his business . . . and I feel to want a rest." The milliner, who is par excellence the Business Woman, wonders what 'tis the girls sees in the men! "When you've been through with it all . . . and come out at the other end. . . . Well, you wonder how 'tis women makes the fools of themselves they do. But they will do it. It's like drink. . . ."
But though Mrs. Stavent, the high-minded Public Woman, rejoices to be in the thick of what she calls the Women's Renaissance, with man just standing about "so he can help," there is only one mention of the vote, and that full of indignation over the way these skunks of males would push off their responsibilities on to feminine shoulders. This is a new view of a situation whose views had appeared exhausted. It will be seen that there is matter for thought in these brightly arranged monologues, and there certainly is much for amusement. The editorial section does sometimes suggest the advisability of putting up a moral umbrella. It contains a shower of wise and incontrovertible reflections.

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" Hunt the Slipper."

occurred to an actor in that old parlour game. "And why the document so carefully arranged By OLIVER MADOX HUEFFER. and stuffed with bank-notes by old Sir Edward Fanhope?" is a question possible to the mind ((Stanley Paul.)

of a reader of this story. However, no slipper, no game; and, anyhow, it had to be something equally conclusive in either case. If Sir Edward had refrained from writing it, he couldn't have given it to Percy Dayrell, his deck companion to New York; Percy couldn't have left it with Kitty Williamson before the Tombs engulfed him, nor Kitty handed it on, slipper-like, to the rest of the circle. It is all a good game enough, with hilarious and even farcical moments, and revealing, at times, as games will, a great deal that is interesting about the players. Romance has very likely gone to live in this bright, new, hustling country, where everything is possible in the way of incongruity and contrast; Ivanhoe and mediæval castles are about played out. Anyhow, those who join in this particular hunt will get both romance and fun.

"The Mystery of Dr. Fu-Manchu."

> By SAX ROHMER. (Methuen.)

A difficult and delicate position arises from a review of this novel. Confession must be made at any cost. Three times has the reviewer, with nerves held on a tight rein, opened its pages determined to read boldly. She was

asked (there is no earthly sense in beating about the bush with a pronoun) to "imagine a person tall, lean, and feline, high-shouldered, with a brow like Shakespeare and a face like Satan, a close-shaven skull, with long magnetic eyes of the true cat-green"; to invest him with all the cruel cunning of an entire Eastern race, with a giant intellect, with the wisdom of all Science, with the hard cash of his rich Government, and to drop him in London set upon killing harmless and estimable persons—in fact, a Yellow Peril incarnate. She promptly closed the book, and omitted to turn out the light while

composing herself to sleep. The second time—in the garden—was scarcely more successful. The trees rustled in a sinister accompaniment, as bodies turned up to be examined for marks, as perfumed envelopes and red ants, let down on strings, performed their deadly offices. A ring at the bell became an unbearable shock. The third time-solely as a duty to the readers of The Sketch-the book was opened at the end, to make sure that our splendid detective service had been equal to this Yellow Terror. Even that is "wropped in The nice and extremely clever Anglo-Indian official who details the horrors thinks the day may come when he may be able to throw more light upon the subject. He prays it never may come, but every really brave person who loves a moving tale of crime and subtlety and mystery will pray that it may.

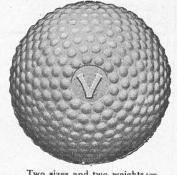
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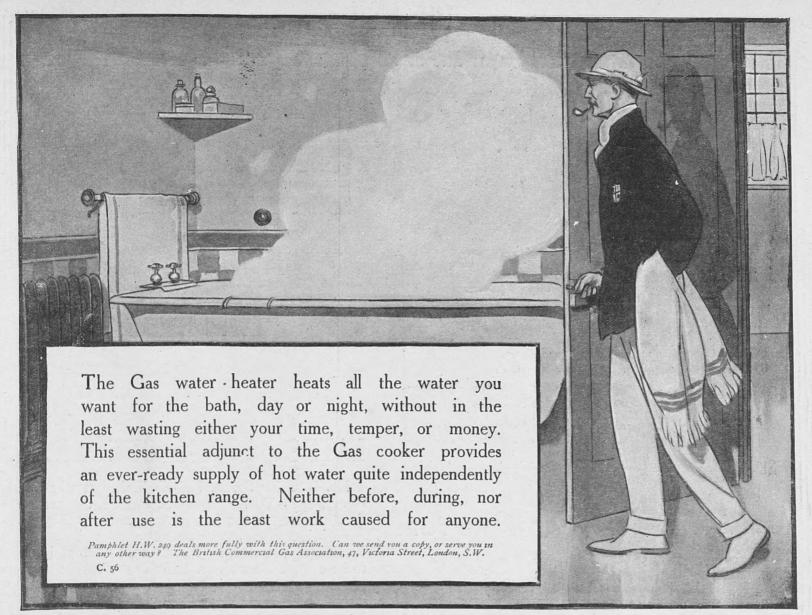
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